

# *BSM Benchmarks for Muon Colliders: IV*

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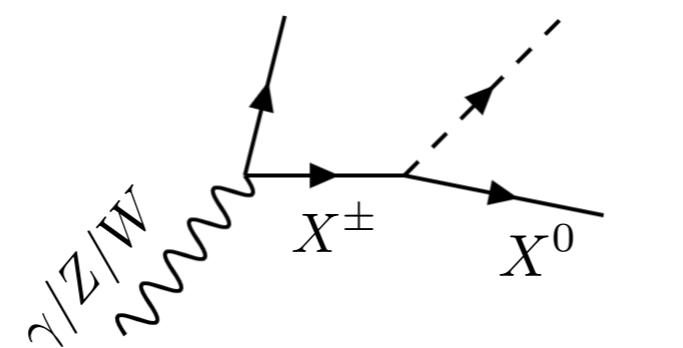
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**Question:**

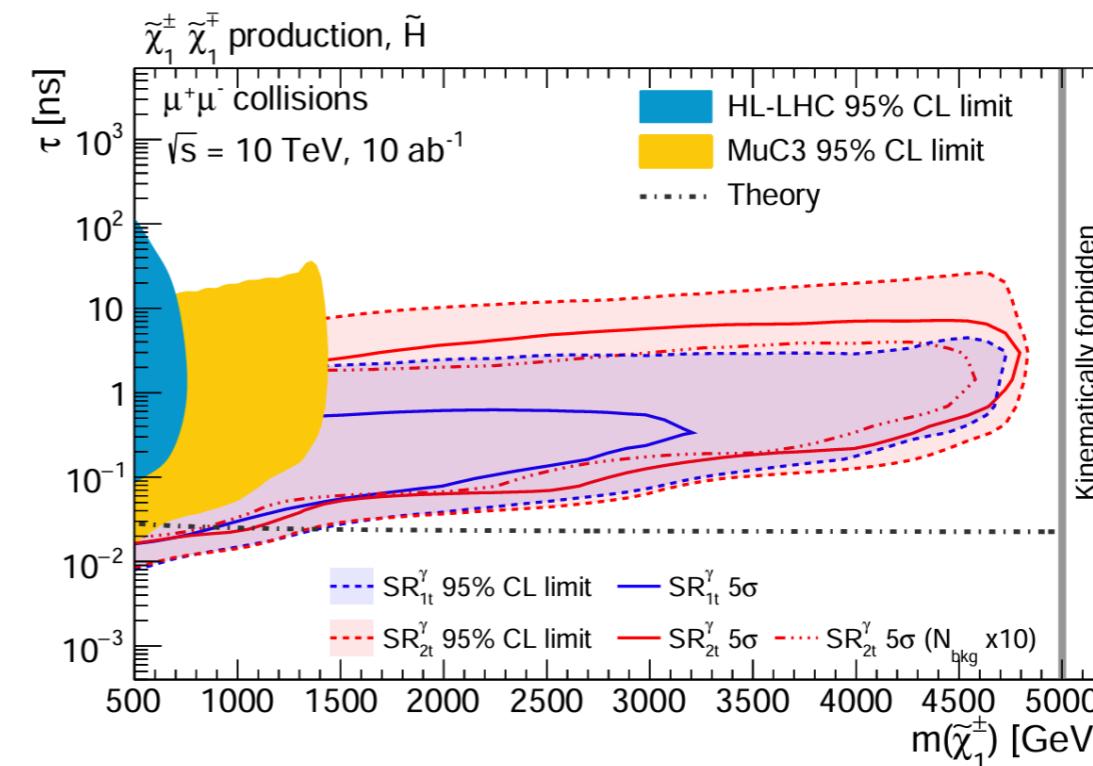
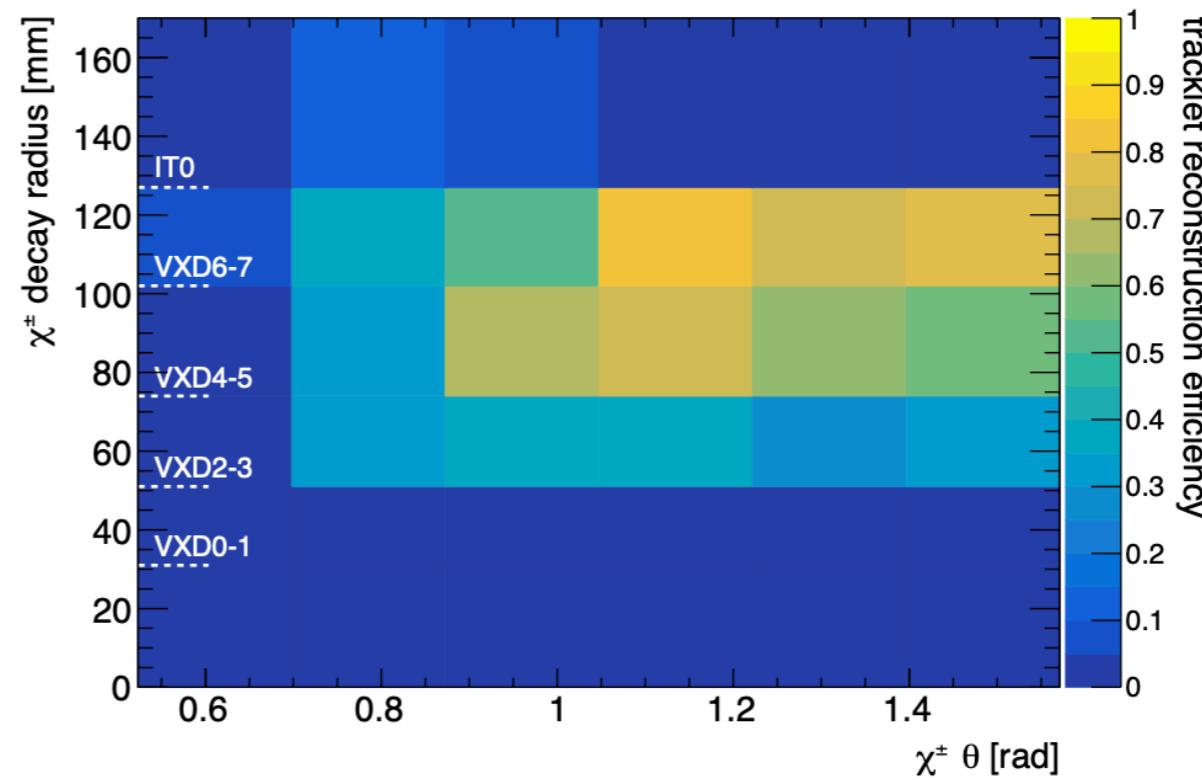
*Can we identify BSM motivated scenarios with exotic signals that can have implications in detector and accelerator/facility design?*

Motivation	Theoretical scenario	Candidate particle(s)	Exotic Signals (Potential Implications for Detector/Facility Design)								
			Boosted objects	Small splittings	Stopping particles	Disappearing tracks	Displaced vertices	Exotic tracks	Emerging jets	Exotics in the mu system	Forward detector
Exotics	SM+singlet	$S, a$	x								x
	2HDM	$H^\pm, H^0, A$	x	x		x	x		x	x	
	New gauge groups	$Z', W', \gamma'$	x								x
	VLF	$Q', L'$	x	x		x					
	HNL	$N_i$				x	x			x	x
	Leptoquarks	$\tilde{R}_2, U_1$ (UV motivated)	x	x							
	Quirks	$q' \bar{q}'$ (bound states)			x			x	x		
Hierarchy problem	SUSY	$\tilde{t}, \tilde{q}, \tilde{g}$ (colored)	x	x	x						
		$\chi^\pm, \chi^0, \tilde{\tau}$ (not colored)	x	x		x		x		x	
	Composite	$X_{5/3}, T_{2/3}$	x	x							
	Extra dimensions	$G_{KK}$	x								
DM	Neutral naturalness	Glueballs, sQuirks			x		x	x	x	x	x
	Z portal	EWinkos-like (inelastic)				x	x	x			
	H portal	$S$ (Z2 symmetric)									
	Nu portal	$\nu_s$									x
	U(1) portal	$U(1)_{B-L_i-L_j}$					x		x	x	x

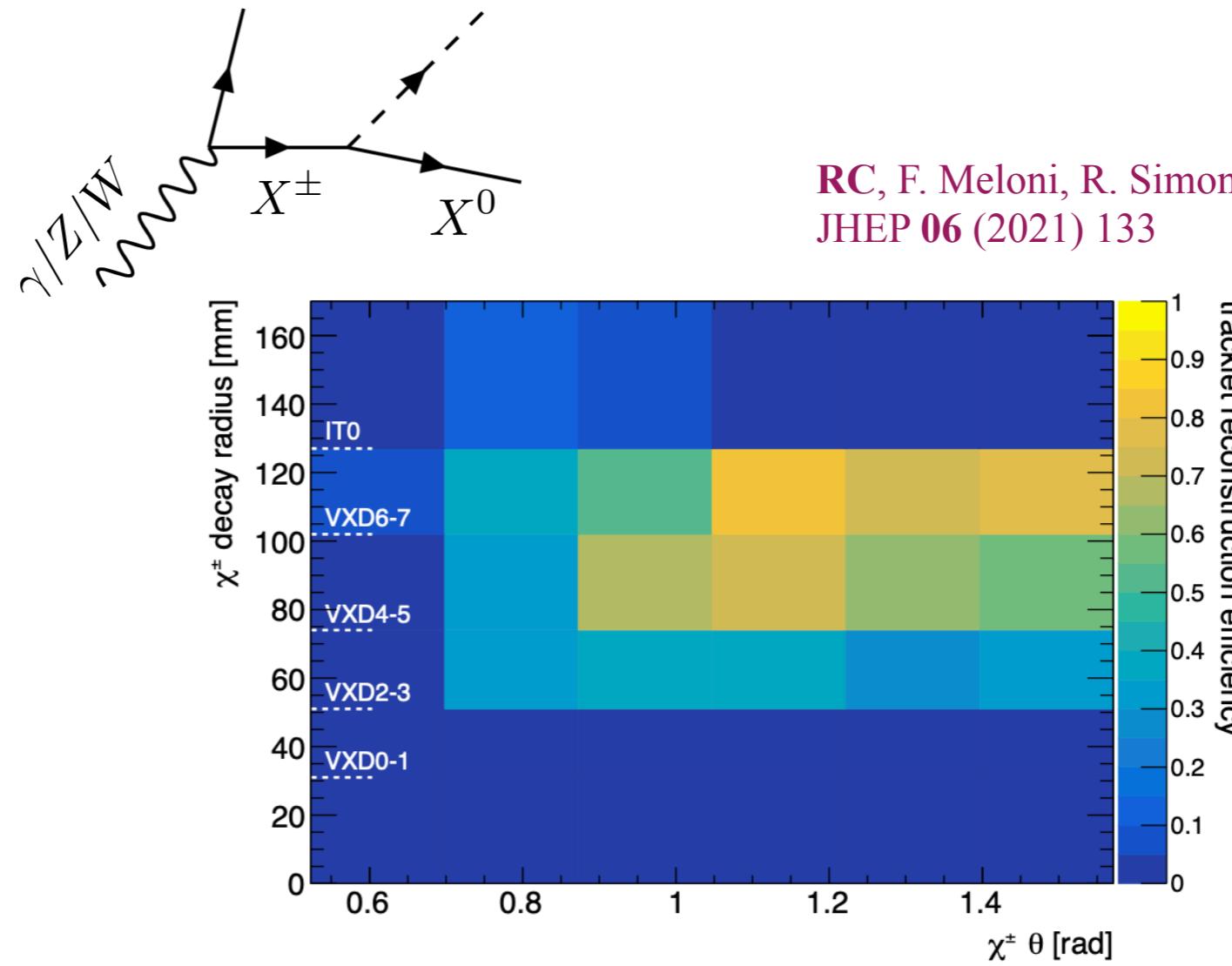
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**Can be useful for:**

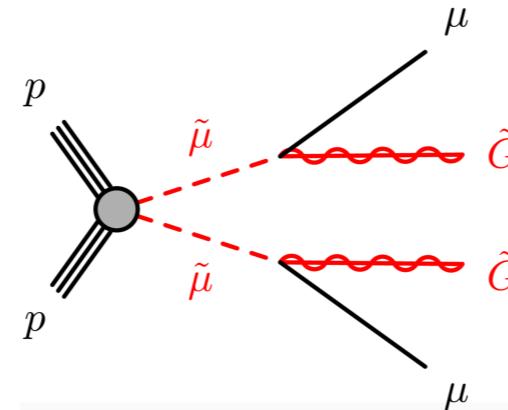
**DT Beyond Minimal WIMPs:**

- *Coannihilation Scenarios (small mass gaps)*
- *Freeze-In scenarios with low  $T$  reheat (small couplings)*

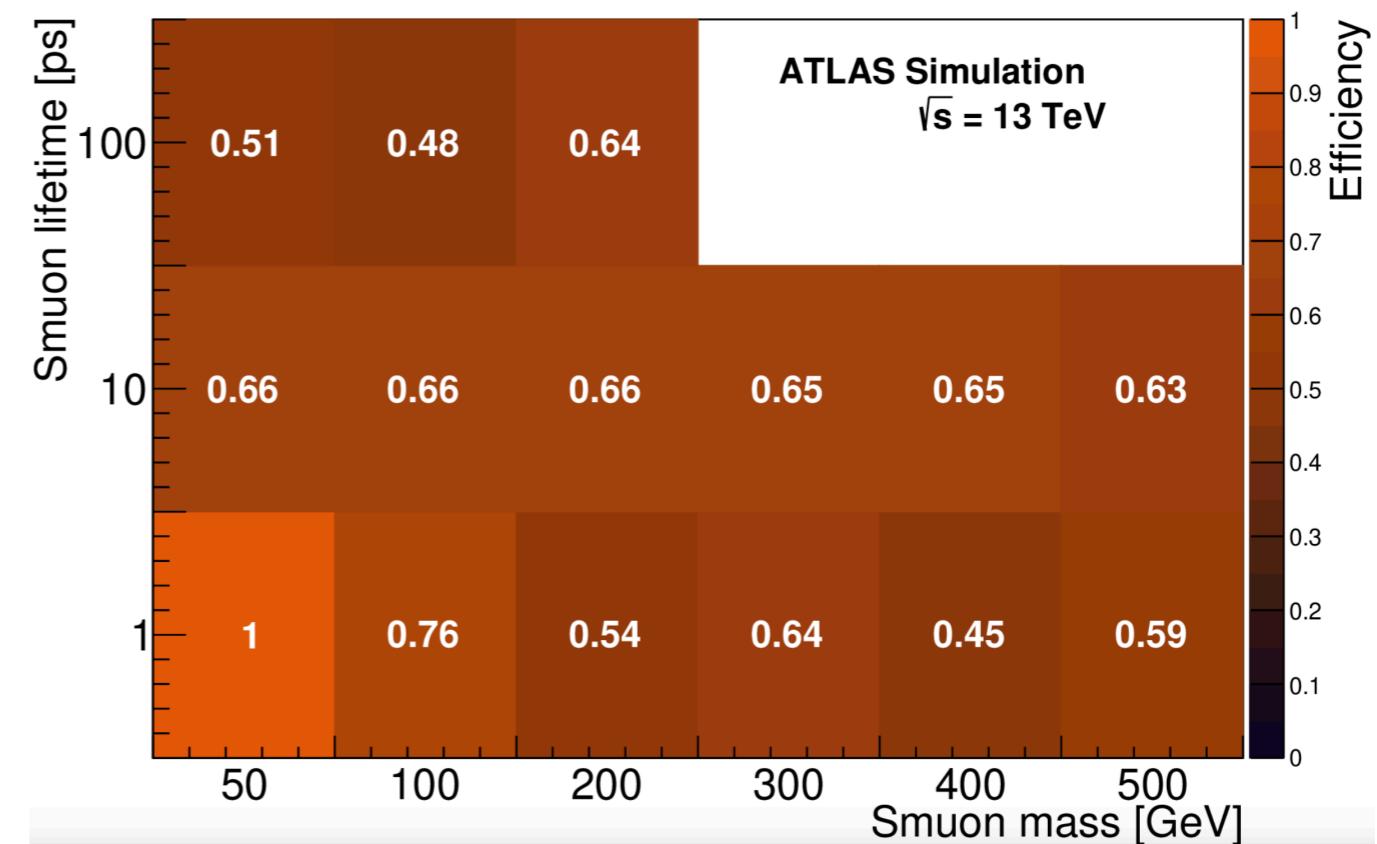
**B-mesons:**

- *Potential backgrounds for DT searches*
- *Flavor physics*

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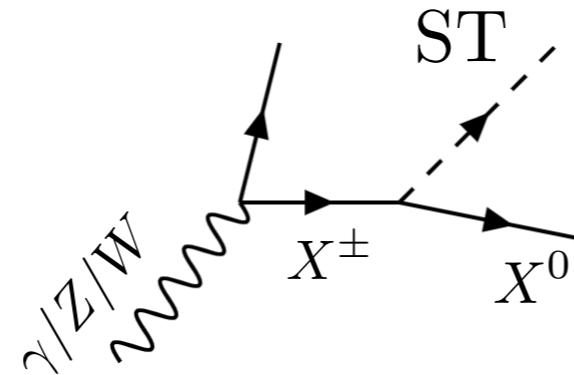


**At the MuC? X**

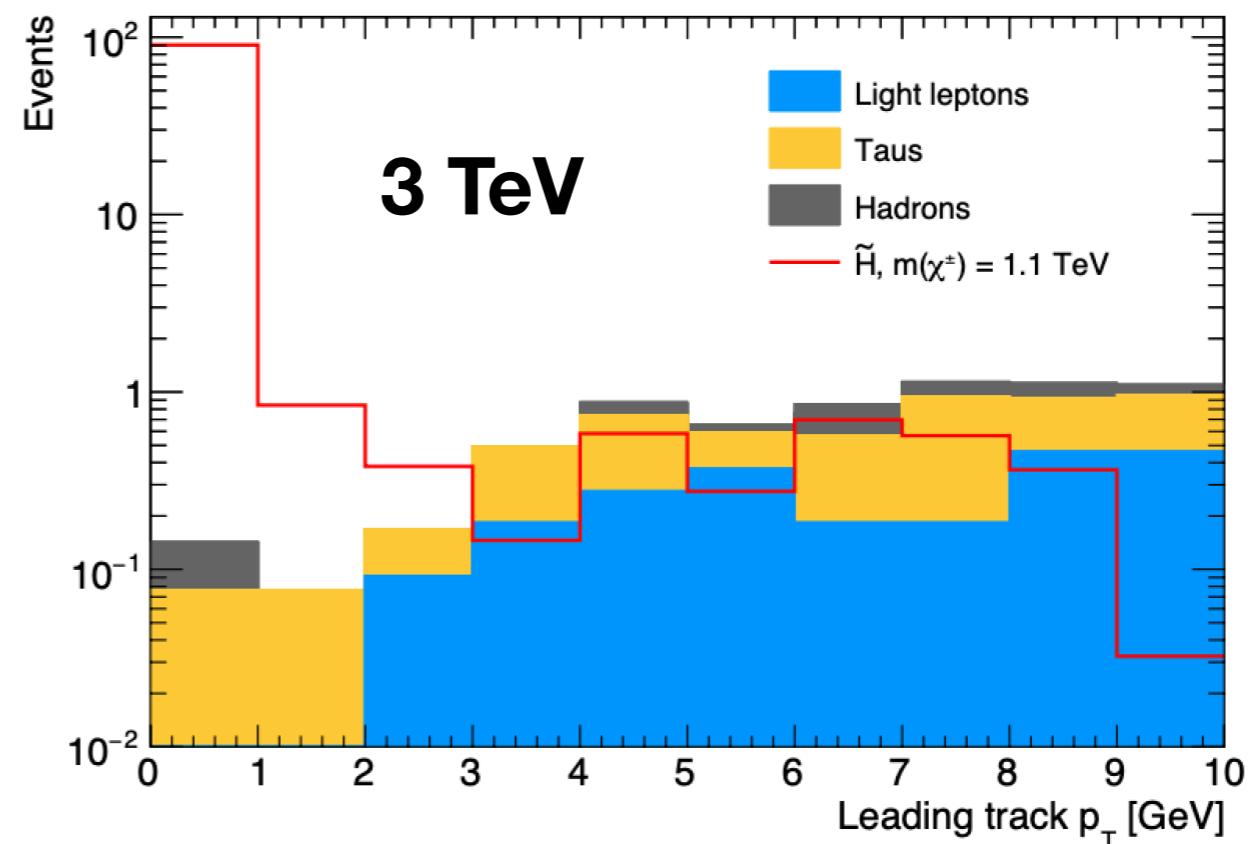
**Can be useful for:**

**Sleptons, Heavy Neutral Leptons, Neutralinos**

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Good News!!!



Scientists report that the 3 TeV MuC has the potential to discover the thermal Higgsino-like Minimal WIMP!

The key is to reconstruct the soft tracks (ST) that come from the decay of the corresponding chargino.

These findings suggest that the 3 TeV MuC is not only a stage towards the 10 TeV machine, but it is also a powerful discovery machine.

# *Outline*

## 1. Introduction

- Pillars of the Energy Frontier
- MuC strong candidate for both

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- Properties
- Projections

## 3. Soft Tracks

- Signal Regions
- Background Determination

## 4. Results

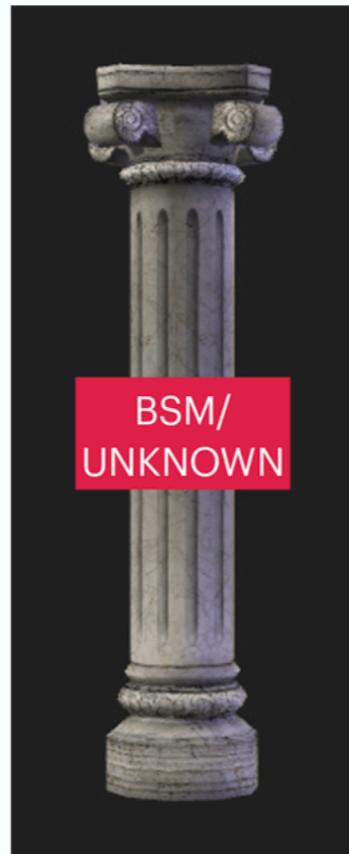
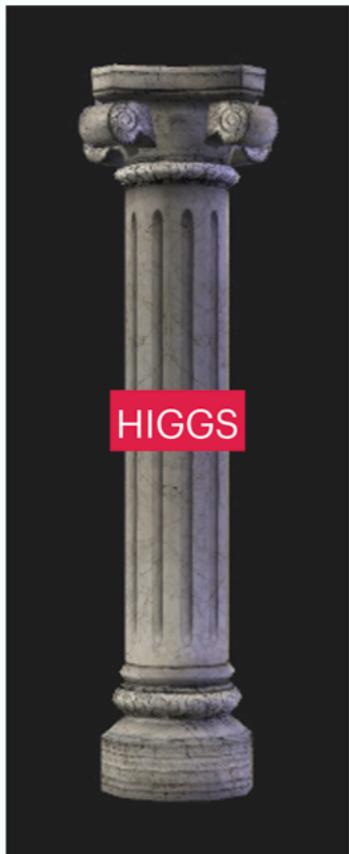
- The Importance of the 3TeV MuC!

## 5. Discussion/Summary

# 1. Introduction

- Pillars for the Energy Frontier:

## Foundational Physics Cases



Precision

Energy

### **Higgs:**

*Is there a more fundamental description of EWSB?  
What mechanism sets the scale and stabilizes the  
Higgs mass?*

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### **BSM:**

*What is the nature of Dark Matter?  
What is the mechanism for Baryogenesis?  
What is the mechanism for neutrino masses?  
The unknown! How can nature surprise us?*

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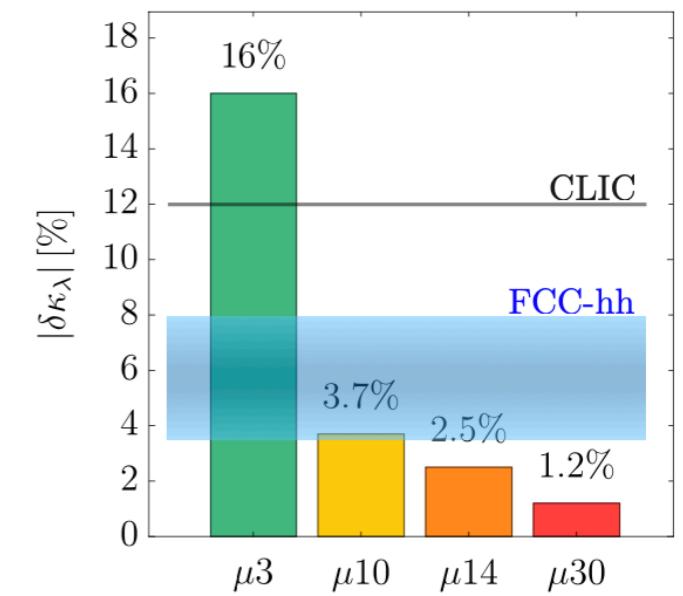
*From Patrick Meade's talks!*

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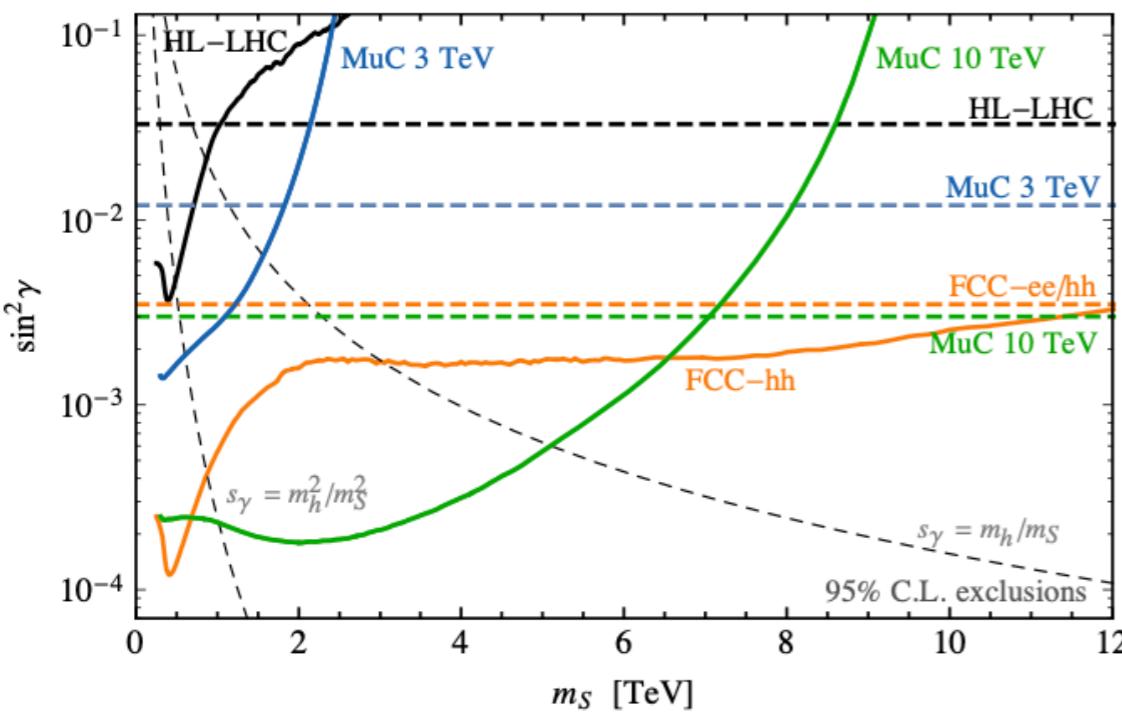
## Higgs/Precision

$\kappa_0$ fit	HL-LHC	LHeC	HE-LHC	S2	S2'	ILC	250	500	1000	CLIC	380	1500	3000	CEPC	FCC-ee	FCC-ee/ eh/hh	$\mu^+\mu^-$
$\kappa_W$ [%]	1.7	0.75	1.4	0.98		1.8	0.29	0.24		0.86	0.16	0.11		1.3	1.3	0.43	0.14
$\kappa_Z$ [%]	1.5	1.2	1.3	0.9		0.29	0.23	0.22		0.5	0.26	0.23		0.14	0.20	0.17	0.12
$\kappa_g$ [%]	2.3	3.6	1.9	1.2		2.3	0.97	0.66		2.5	1.3	0.9		1.5	1.7	1.0	0.49
$\kappa_\gamma$ [%]	1.9	7.6	1.6	1.2		6.7	3.4	1.9		98*	5.0	2.2		3.7	4.7	3.9	0.29
$\kappa_{Z\gamma}$ [%]	10.	—	5.7	3.8		99*	86*	85*		120*	15	6.9		8.2	81*	75*	0.69
$\kappa_c$ [%]	—	4.1	—	—		2.5	1.3	0.9		4.3	1.8	1.4		2.2	1.8	1.3	0.95
$\kappa_t$ [%]	3.3	—	2.8	1.7		—	6.9	1.6		—	—	2.7		—	—	1.0	6.0
$\kappa_b$ [%]	3.6	2.1	3.2	2.3		1.8	0.58	0.48		1.9	0.46	0.37		1.2	1.3	0.67	0.43
$\kappa_\mu$ [%]	4.6	—	2.5	1.7		15	9.4	6.2		320*	13	5.8		8.9	10	8.9	0.41
$\kappa_\tau$ [%]	1.9	3.3	1.5	1.1		1.9	0.70	0.57		3.0	1.3	0.88		1.3	1.4	0.73	0.44

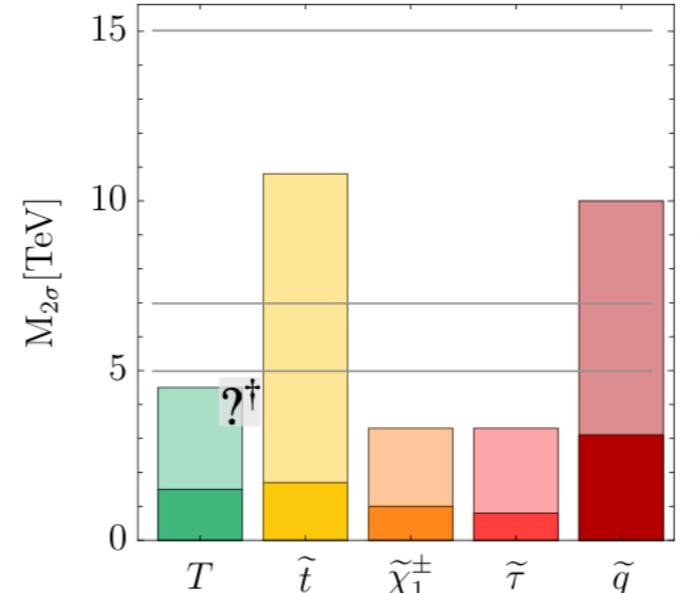


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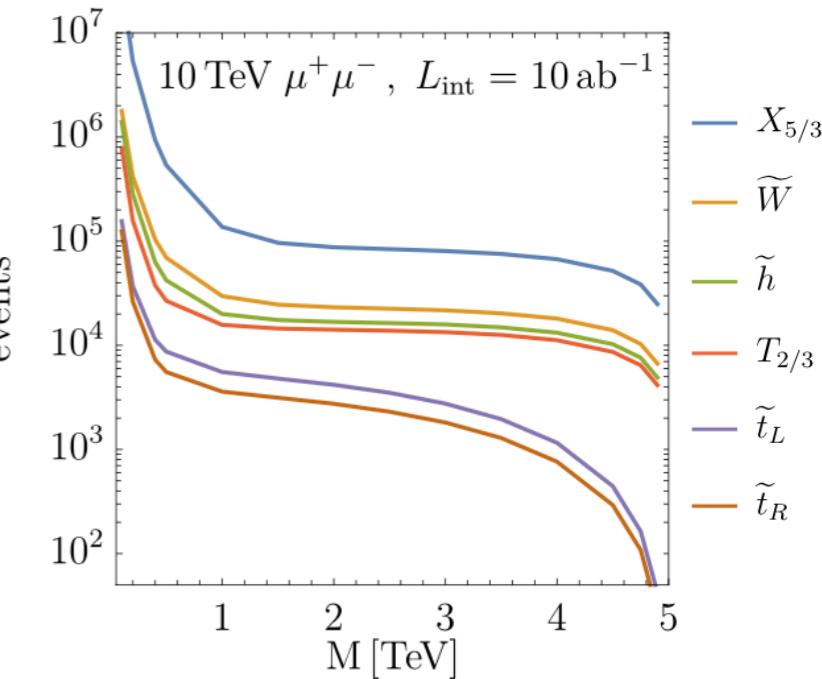
## BSM/Unknown



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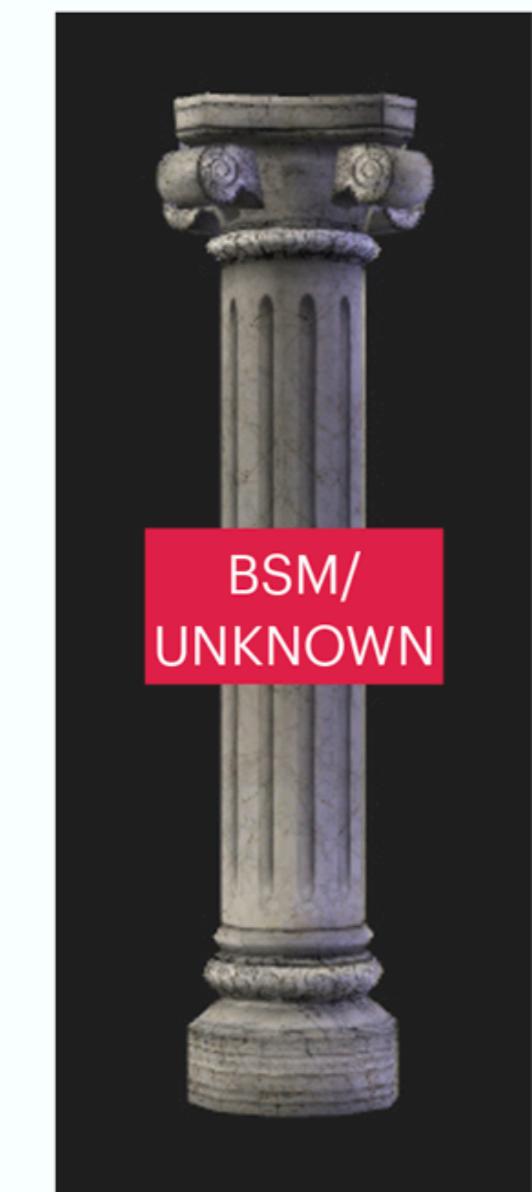


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A. Wulzer,  
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## 2. *Minimal WIMPs*



Energy

*Dark Matter*



*Hierarchy  
Problem*



*Neutrino  
Mass*



*Baryogenesis*

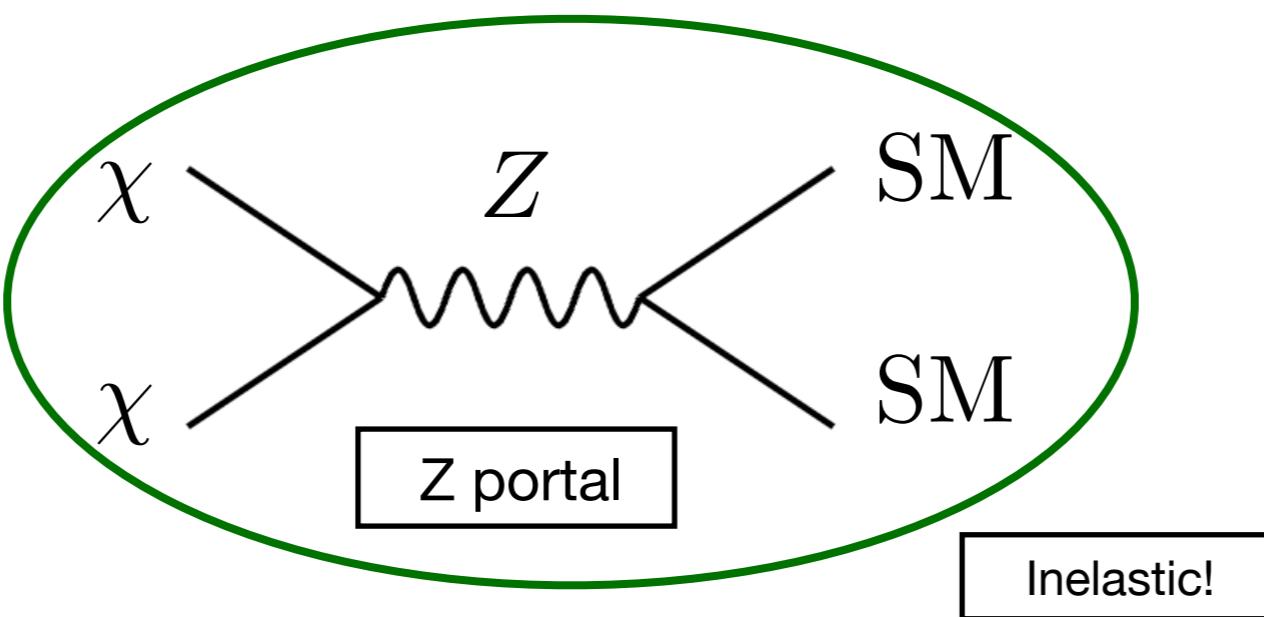


***Minimal  
WIMPs***

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## 2. Minimal WIMPs

- Properties:



EW multiplets

$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$

$$\chi_{\tilde{H}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{H}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{H}}^0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1, 2, 1/2) \text{ Higgsino-like}$$

$$\chi_{\tilde{W}} = \begin{pmatrix} \chi_{\tilde{W}}^+ \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^0 \\ \chi_{\tilde{W}}^- \end{pmatrix} \quad (1, 3, 0) \text{ Wino-like}$$

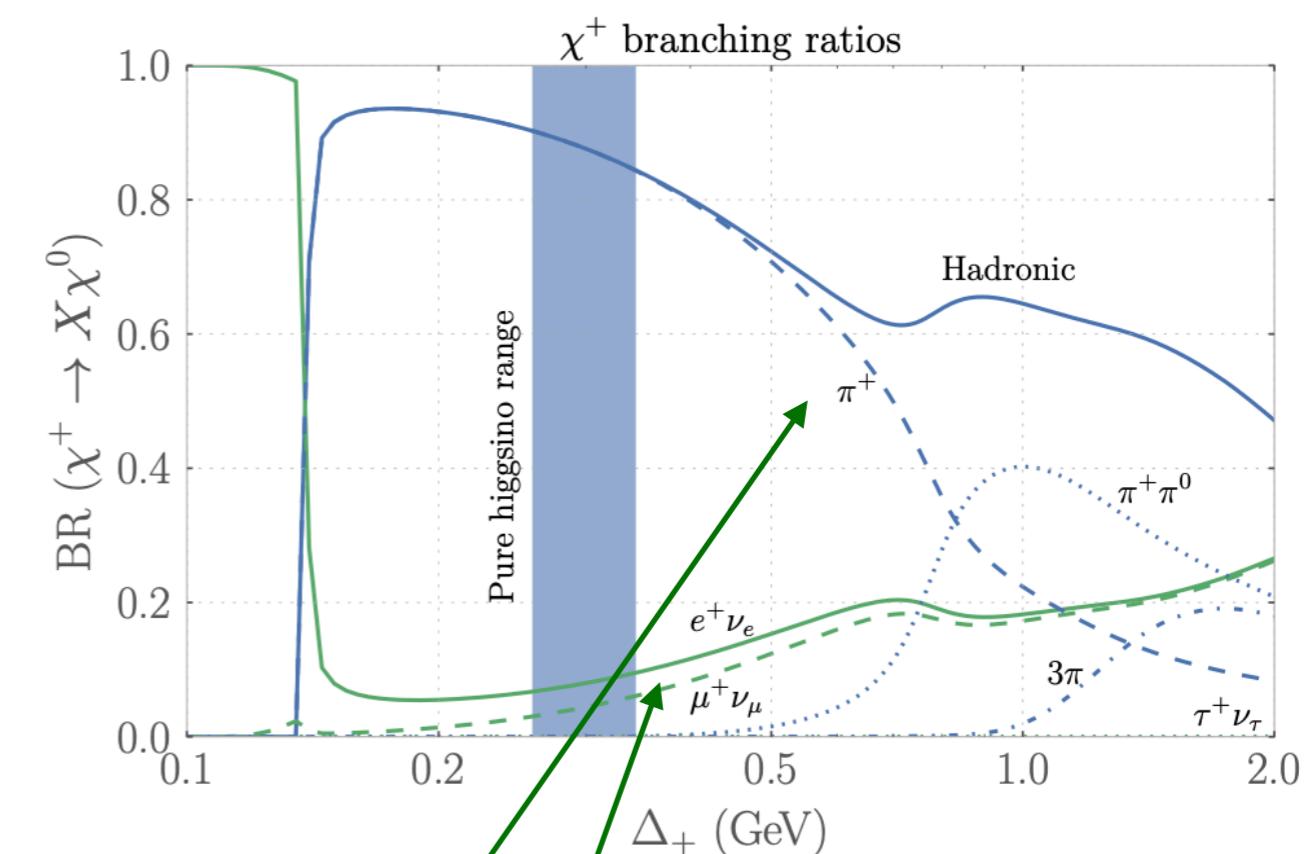
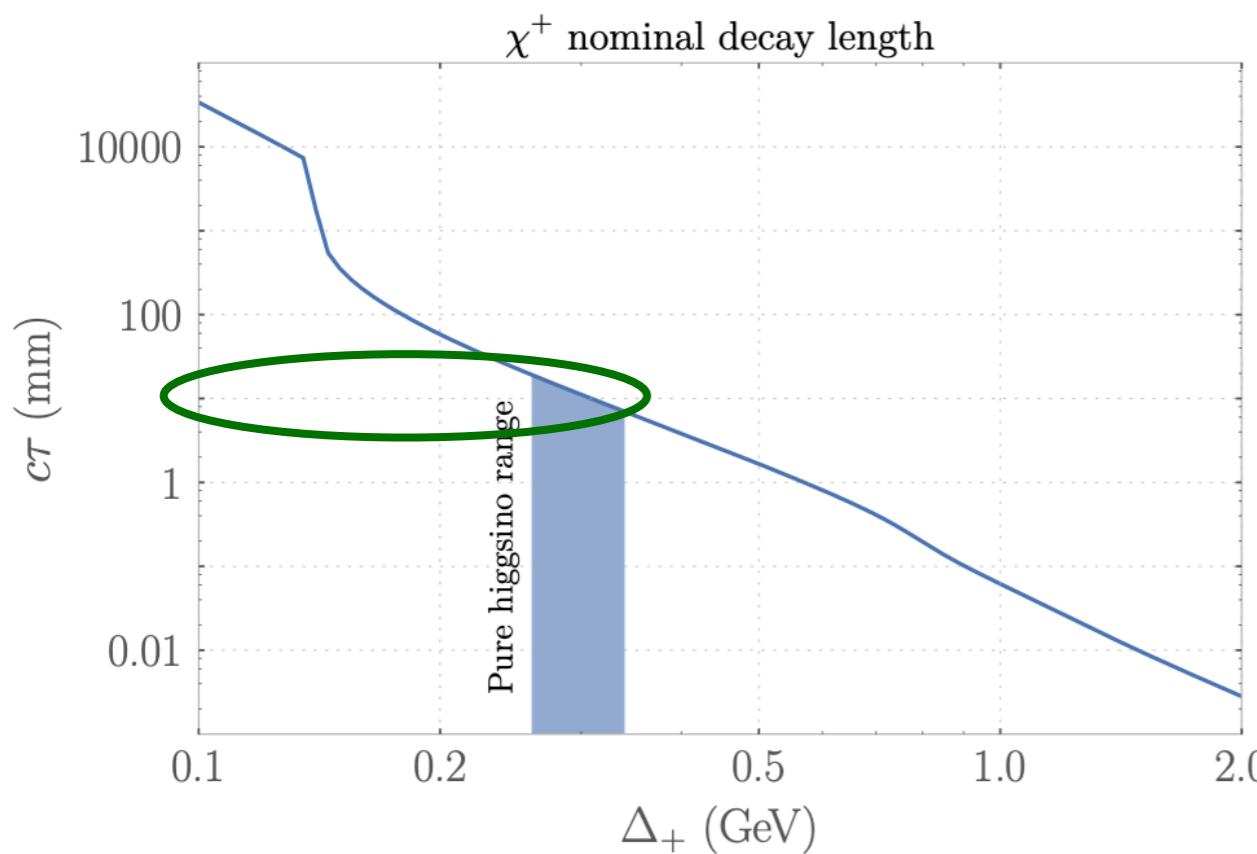
Neutral component = DM

## 2. Minimal WIMPs

- Properties:

$$\Delta m = m_{\chi^+} - m_{\chi^0} > 0$$

*Small mass splitting  
(from loops)* → *Long lifetime  
Disappearing Tracks  
Soft Tracks*



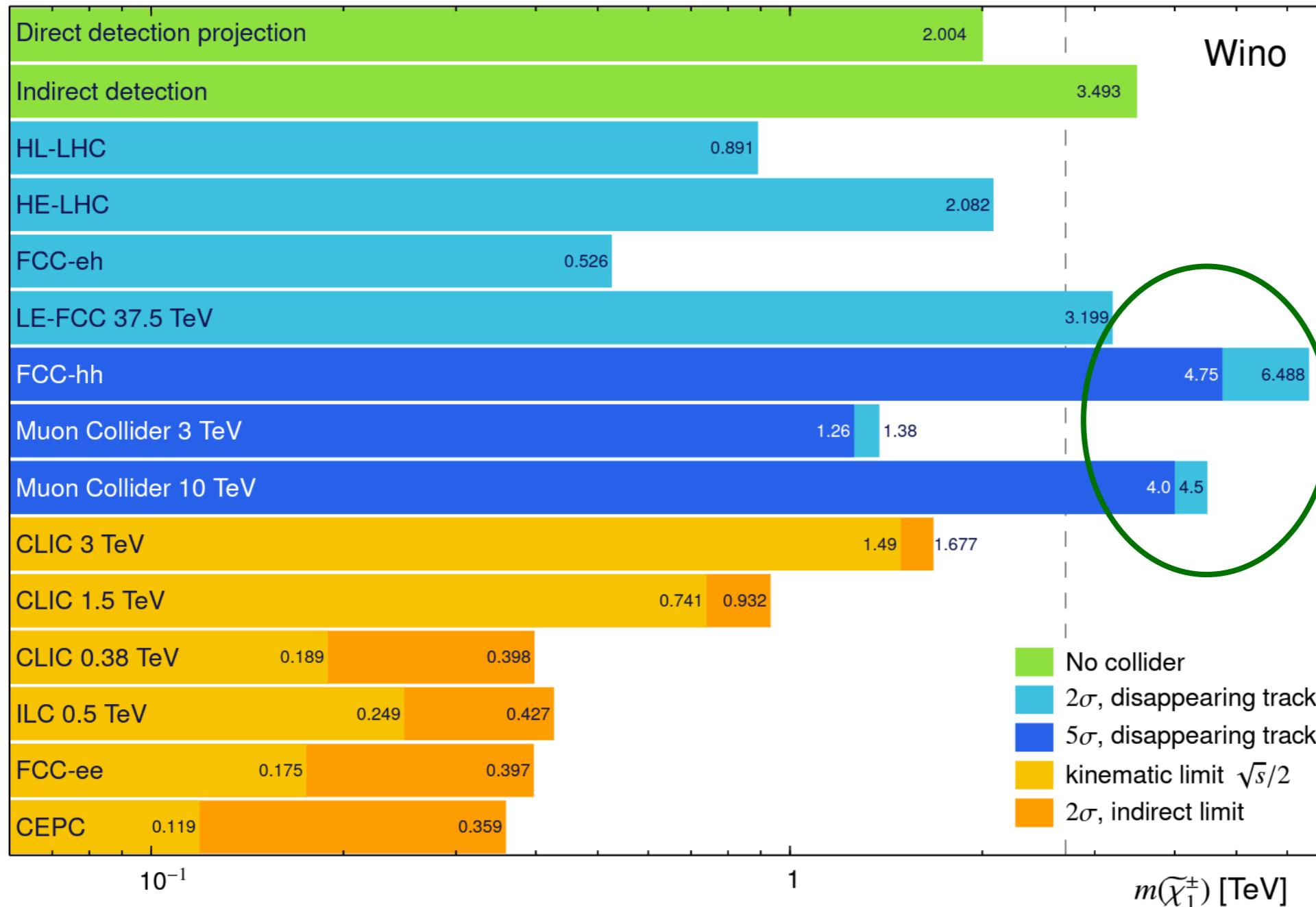
R. Mahbubani, P. Schwaller, J. Zurita, JHEP 06 (2017) 119

*Soft pions*  
*Soft muons*  
*Soft electrons* = *Soft Tracks (ST)*

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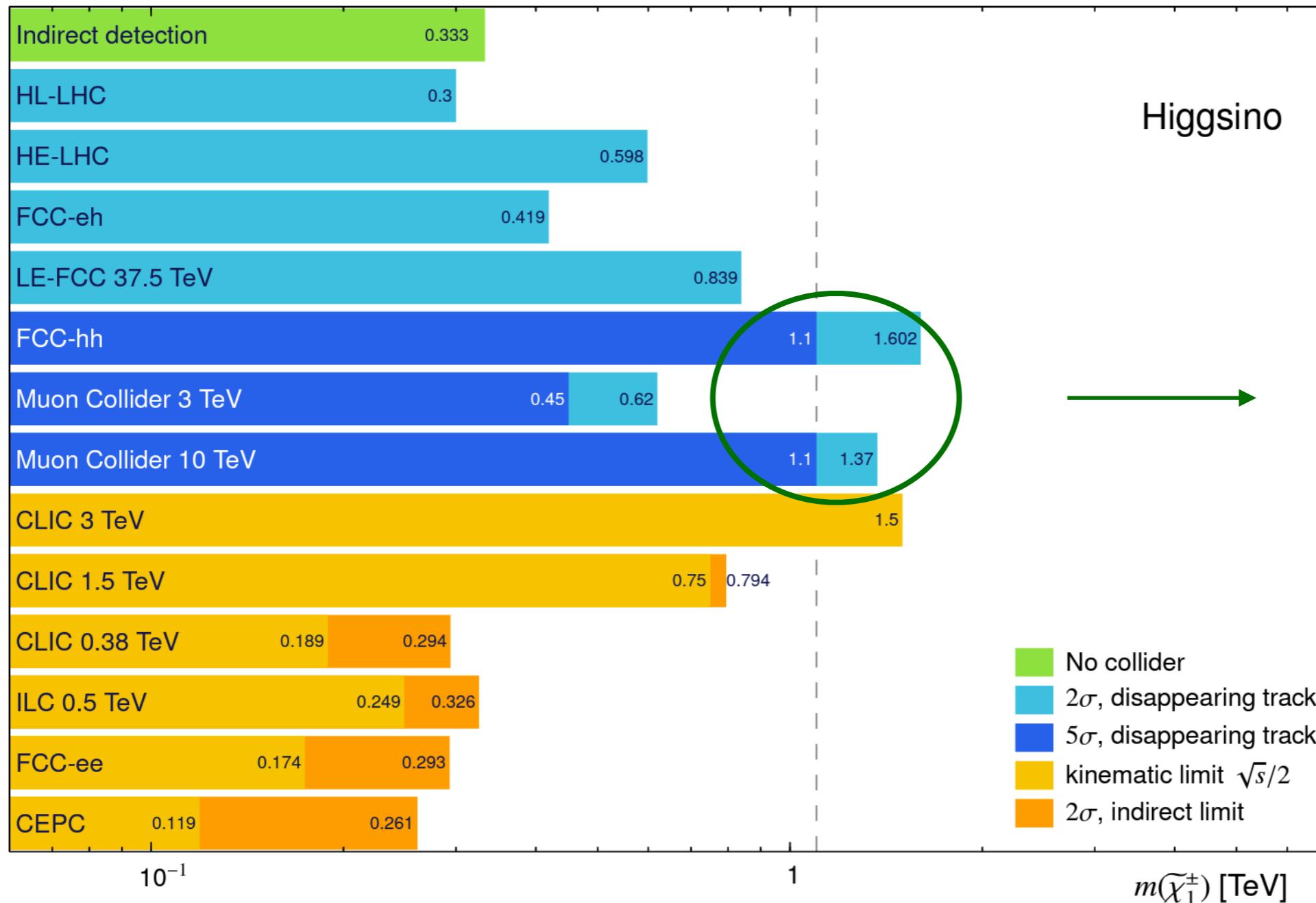


*Discovery potential  
from DT*

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Higgsino

Not clear discovery potential...

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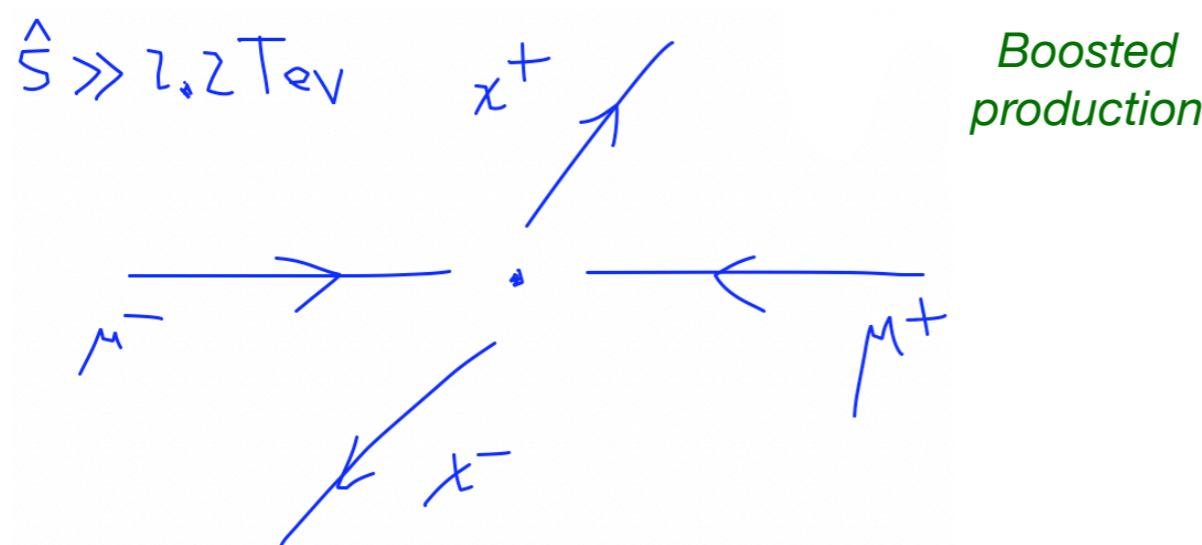
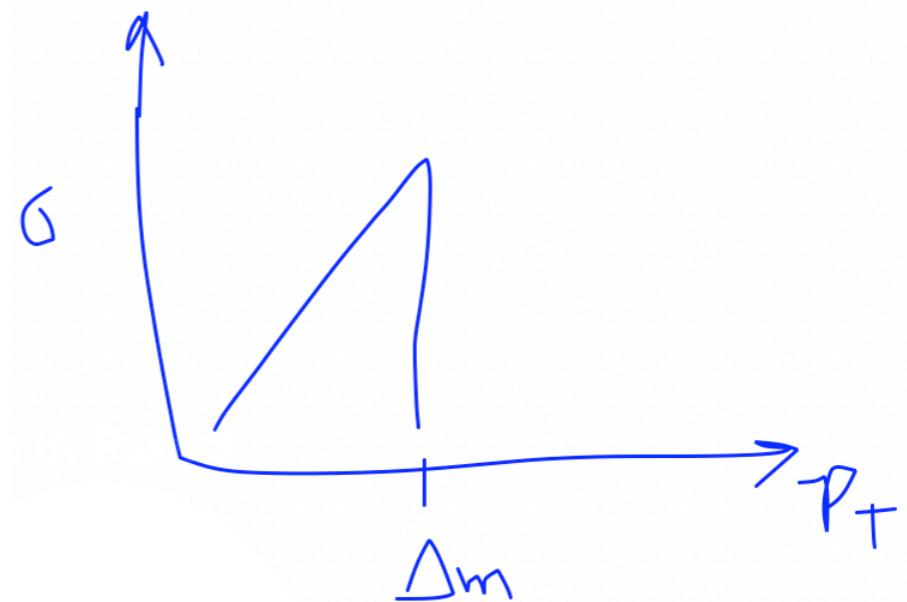
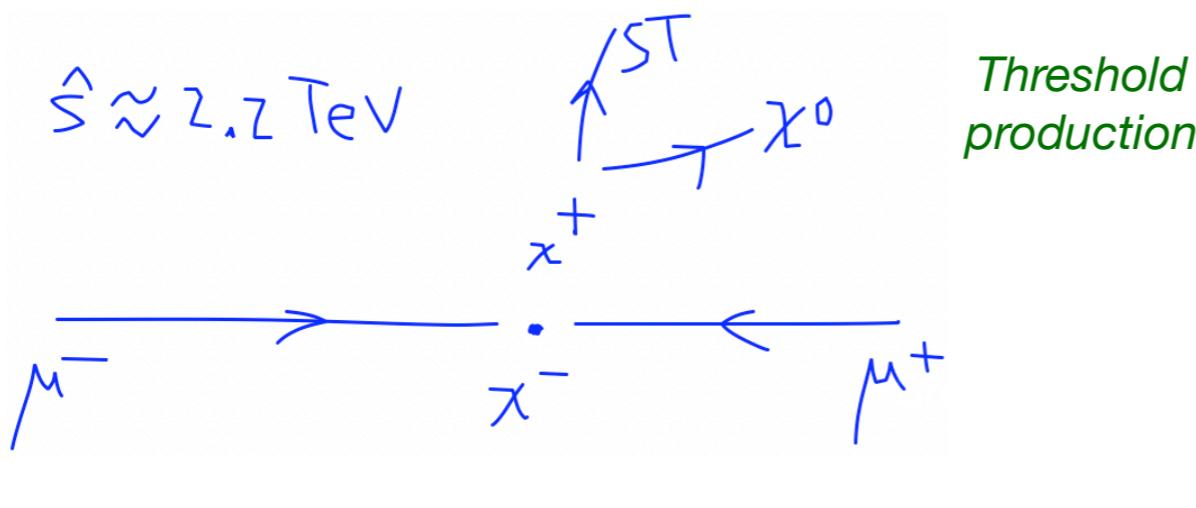
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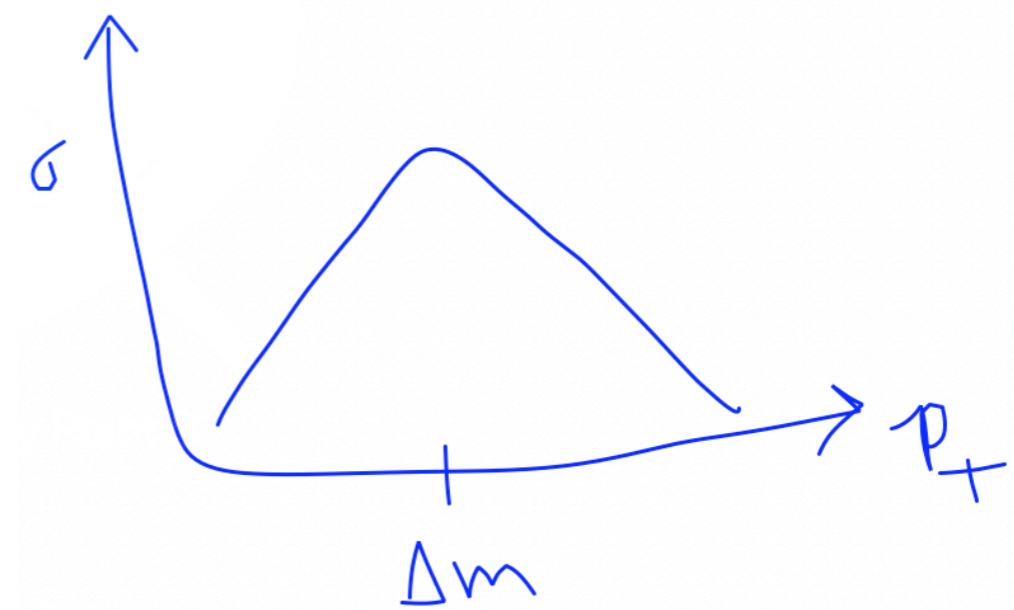
Thermal Higgsino

Very small gap!

$$\Delta m \sim 0.3 \text{ GeV}$$



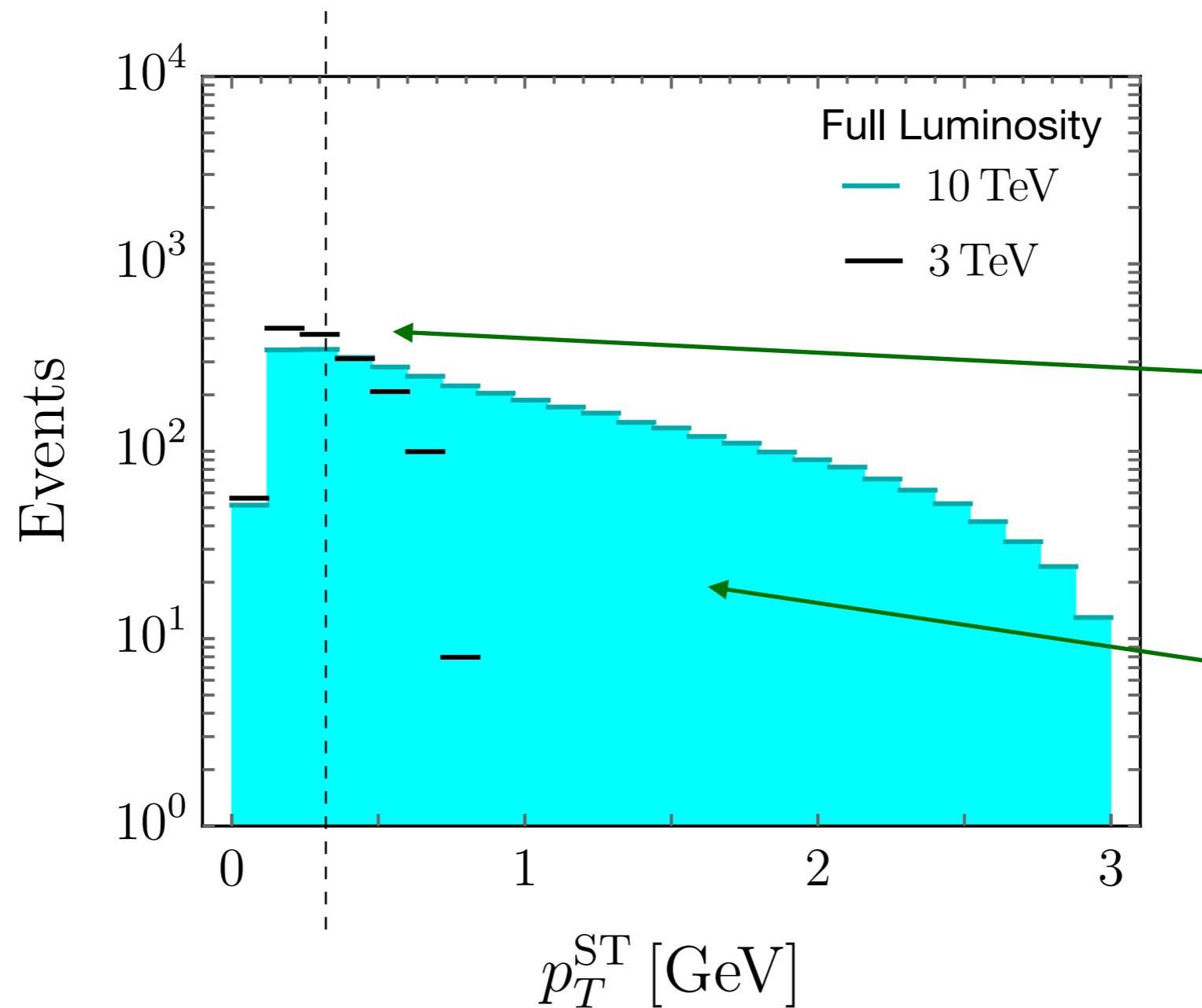
Boosted production



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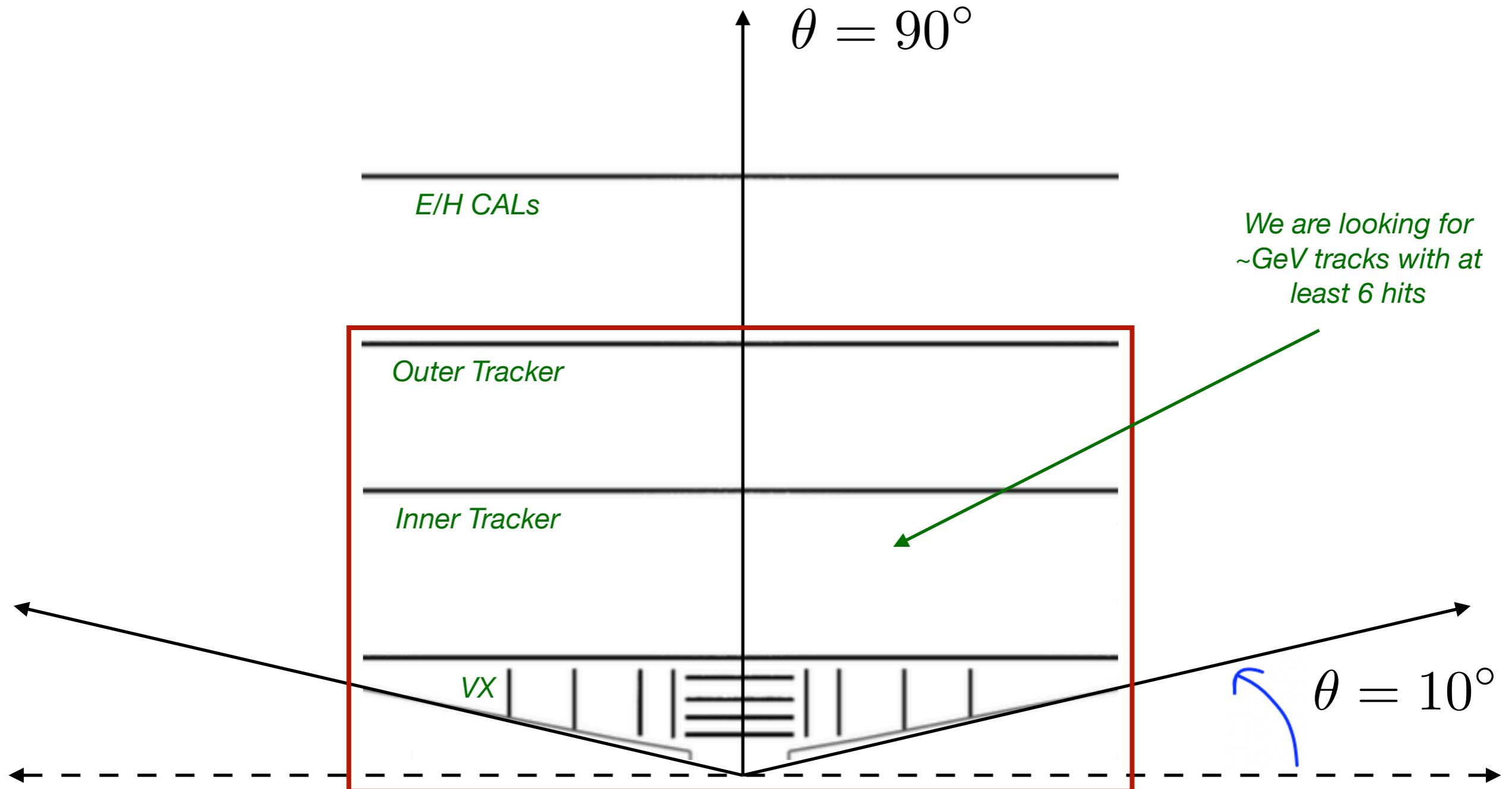


*More events near threshold at MuC3*

*Much larger boosts at MuC10*

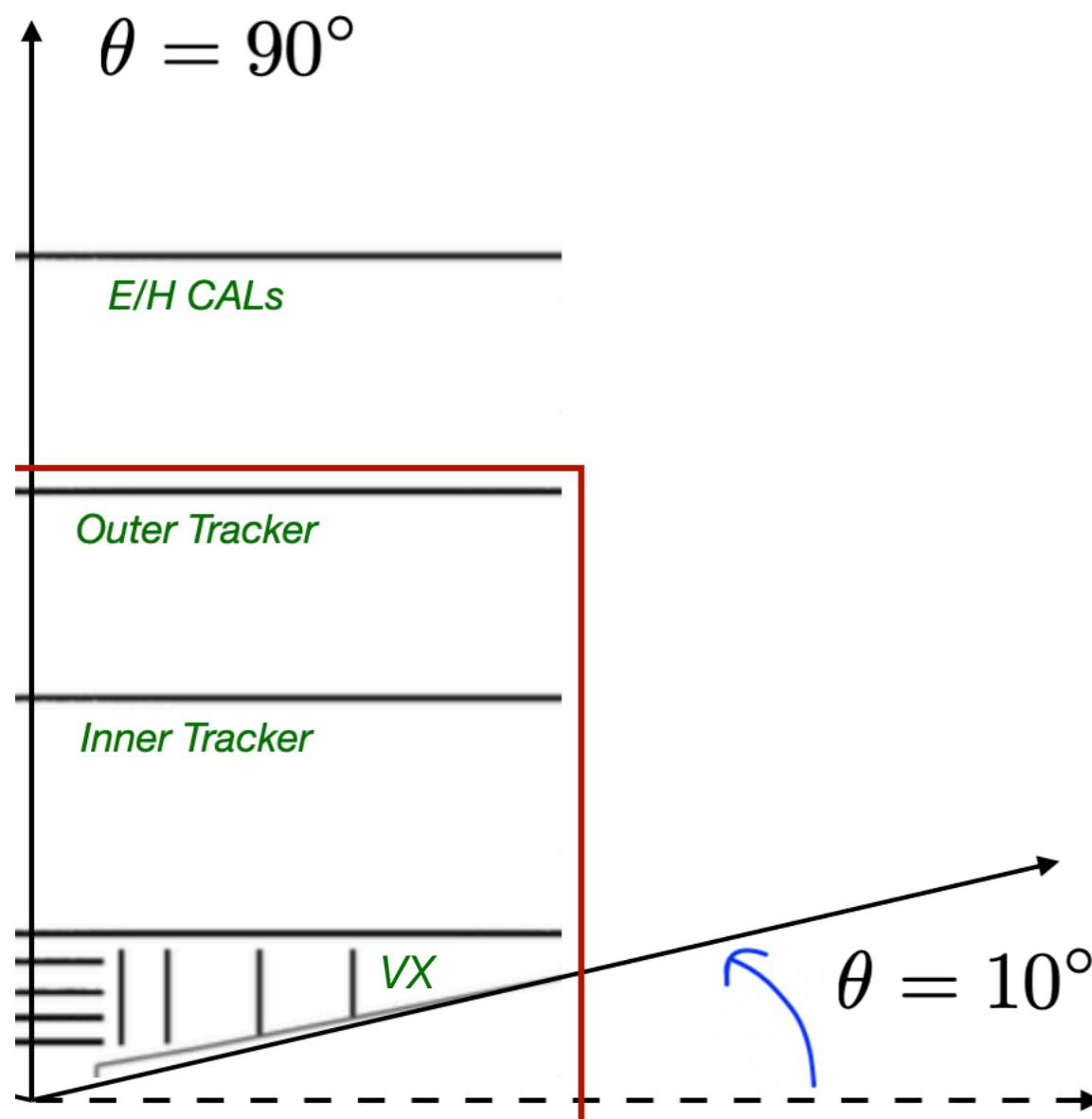
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#### Soft Track

$\ell^\pm$  (Leptons)  $h^\pm$  (Hadrons)

$10^\circ < \theta < 170^\circ$

*A priori*  $0.1 < p_T < 1$  GeV MuC3  
 $0.1 < p_T < 3$  GeV MuC10

#### Heavy Neutrals

$E > 10$  GeV

#### Photons

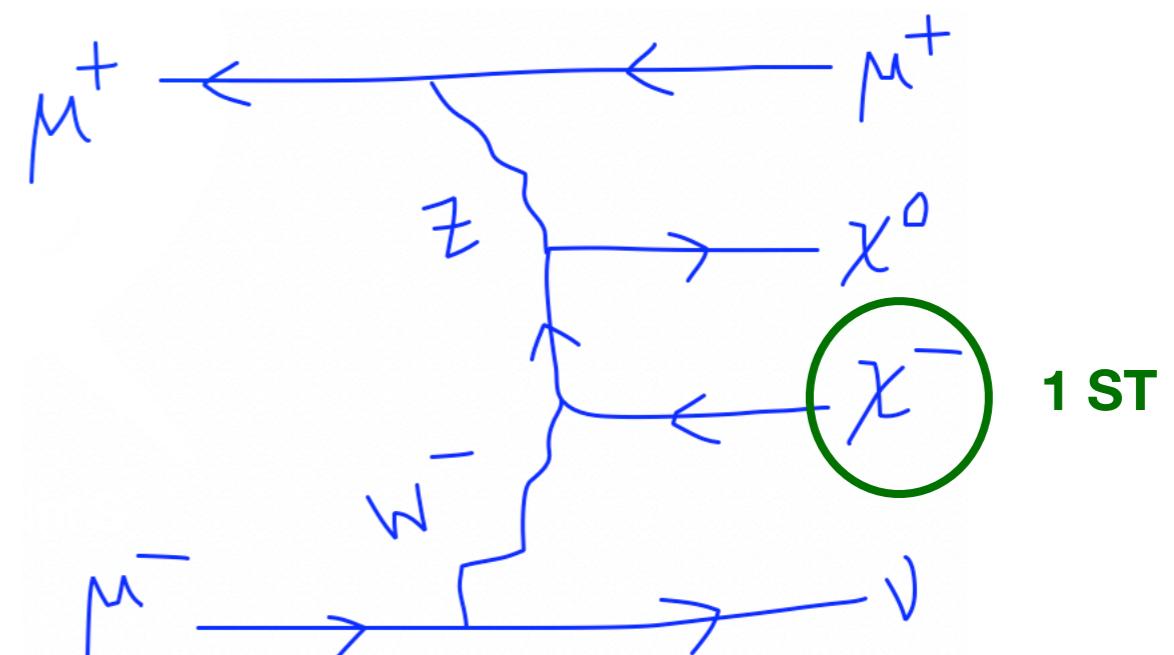
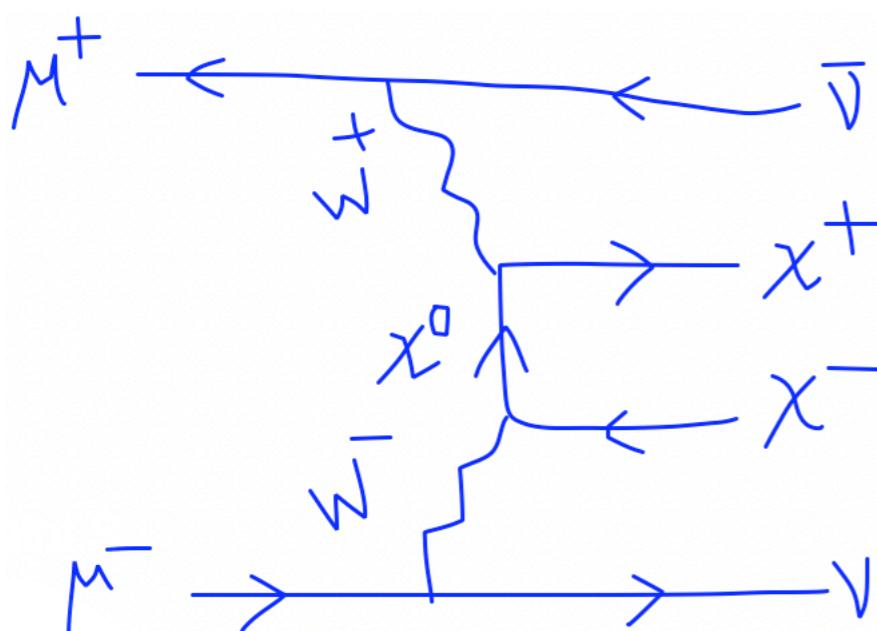
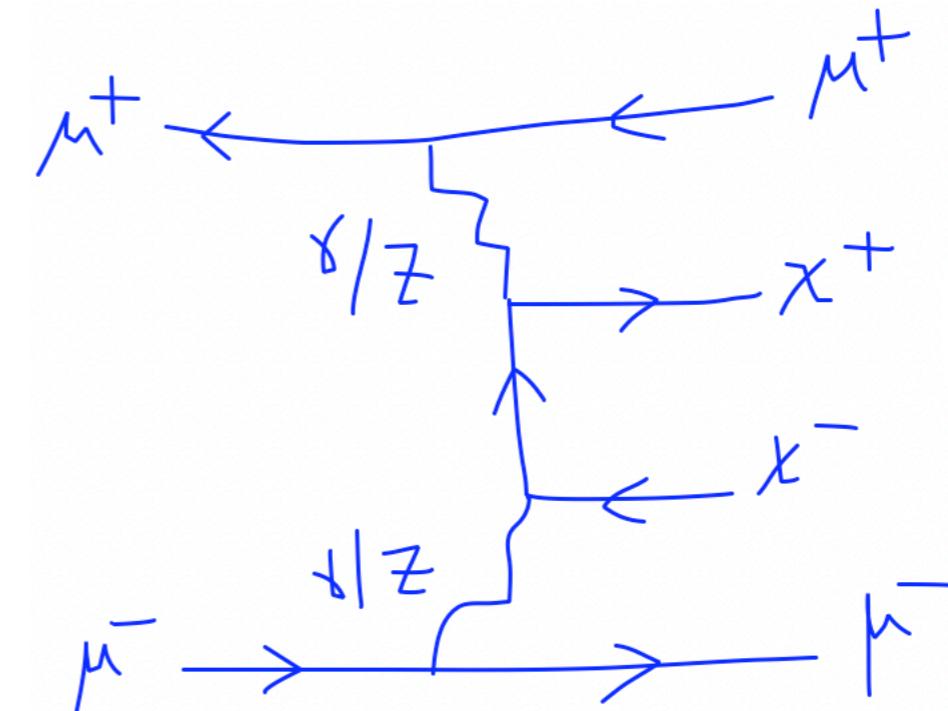
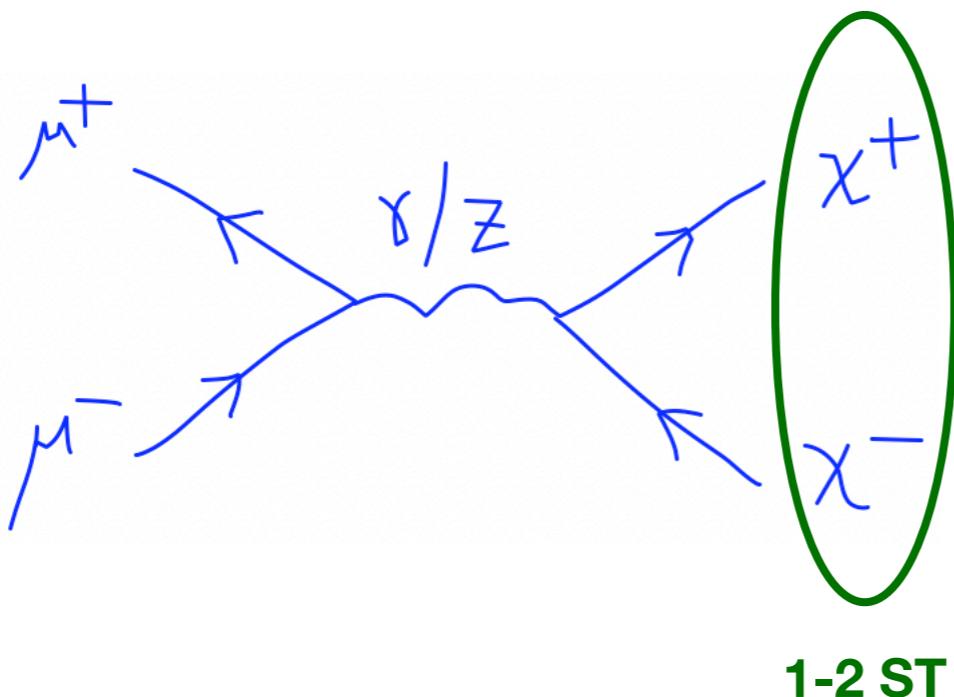
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$p_T > 10$  GeV

*Thermal Higgsino*

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- Signal Regions:



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*Thermal Higgsino*

**MuC 3 TeV**

1ST 0 $\gamma$	1ST 1 $\gamma$
14%	2%
2ST 0 $\gamma$	2ST 1 $\gamma$

75%

$\sigma_T = 12.53(3) \text{ fb}$

**MuC 10 TeV**

1ST 0 $\gamma$	1ST 1 $\gamma$
7%	2%
2ST 0 $\gamma$	2ST 1 $\gamma$

65%

$\sigma_T = 1.7996(36) \text{ fb}$

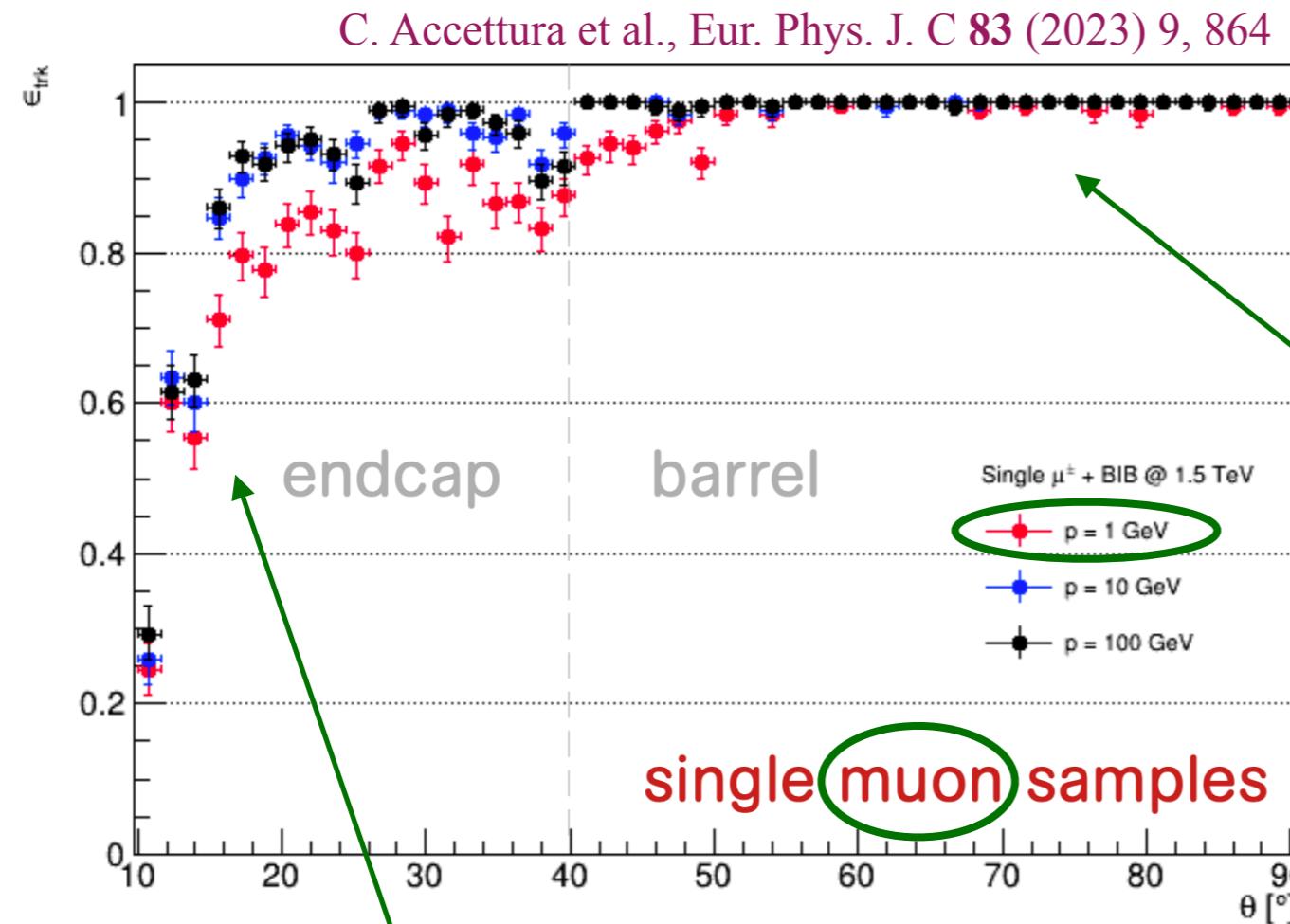
*About 1k signal events  
in this signal region*



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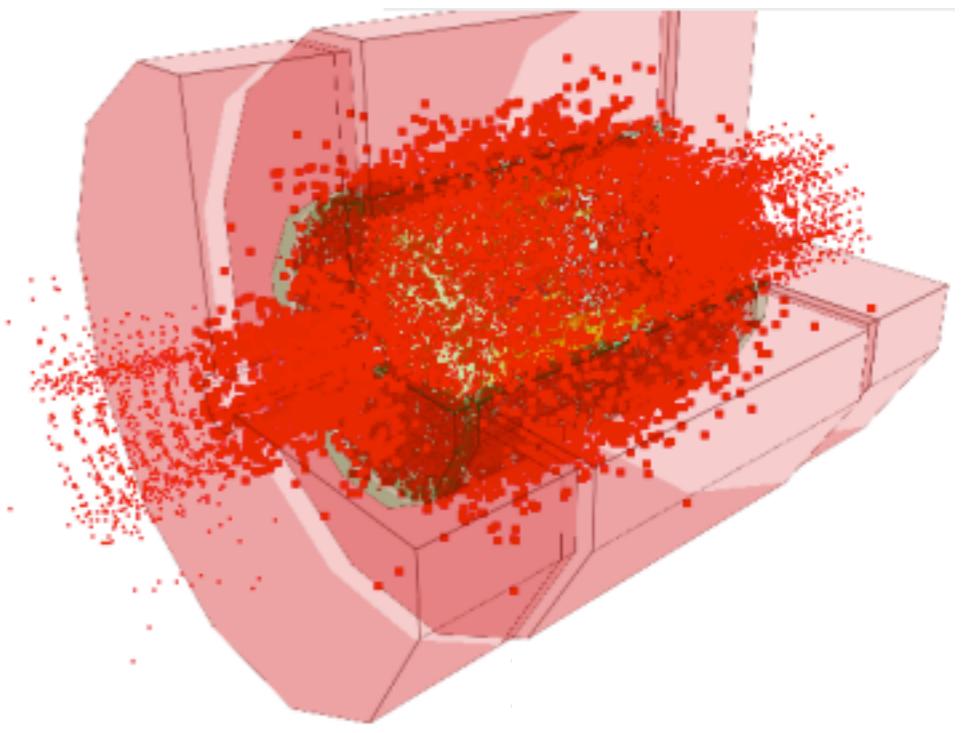
Sestini and Casarsa

- Backgrounds: BIB



Forward/backward  
angular regions:

Large probability of  
missing a track  
immersed in the BIB



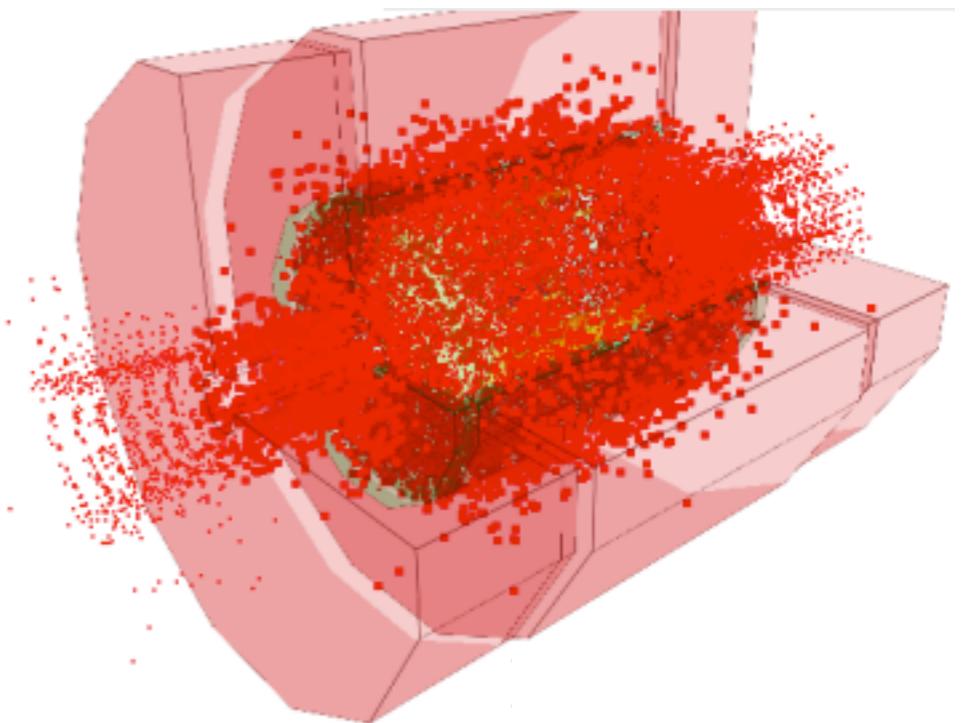
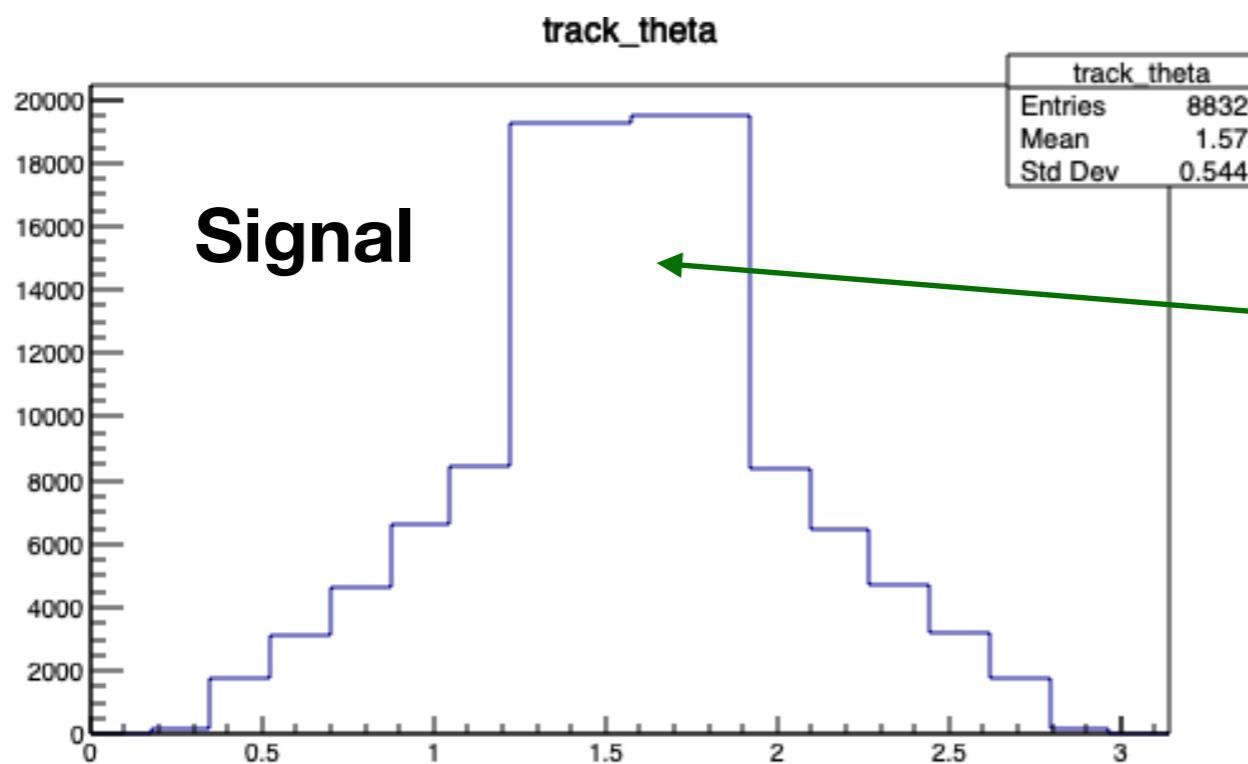
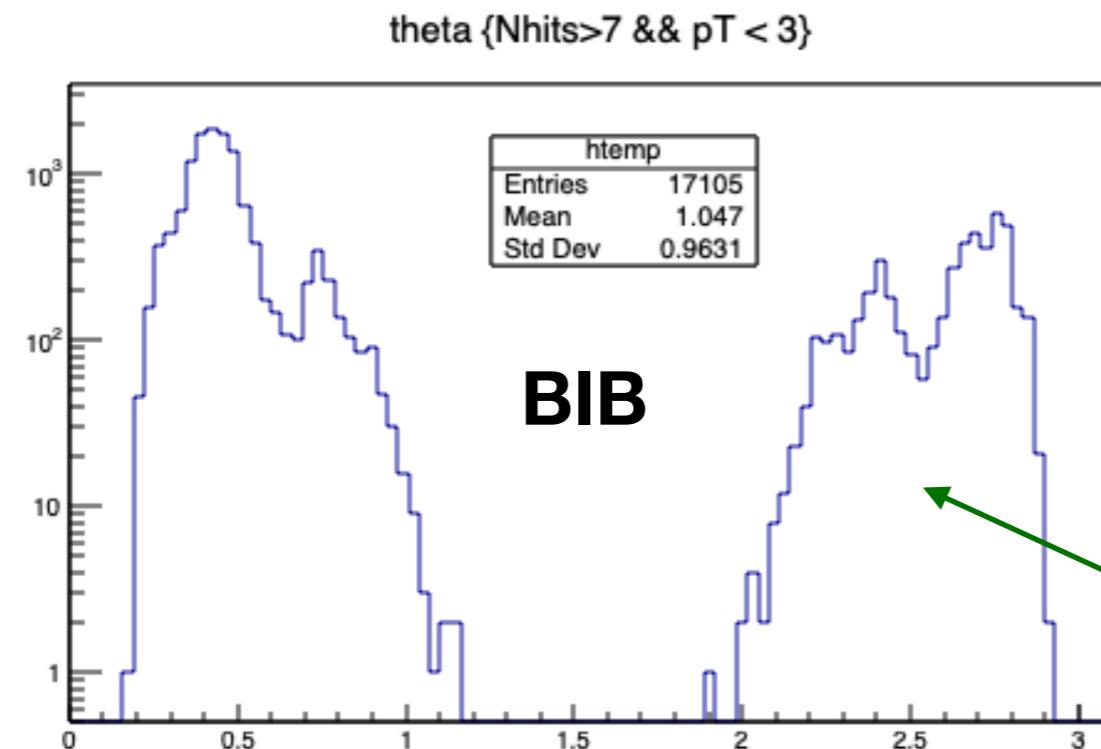
Central angular  
region:

Small probability of  
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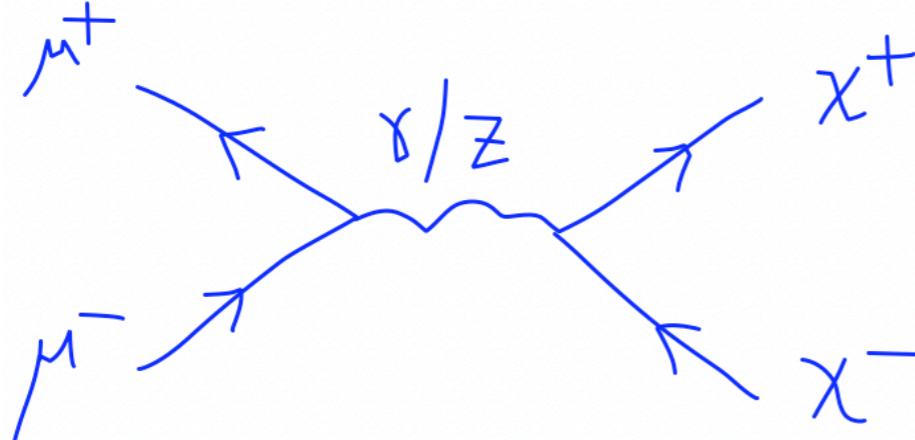


*The BIB wants to be forward/backward*

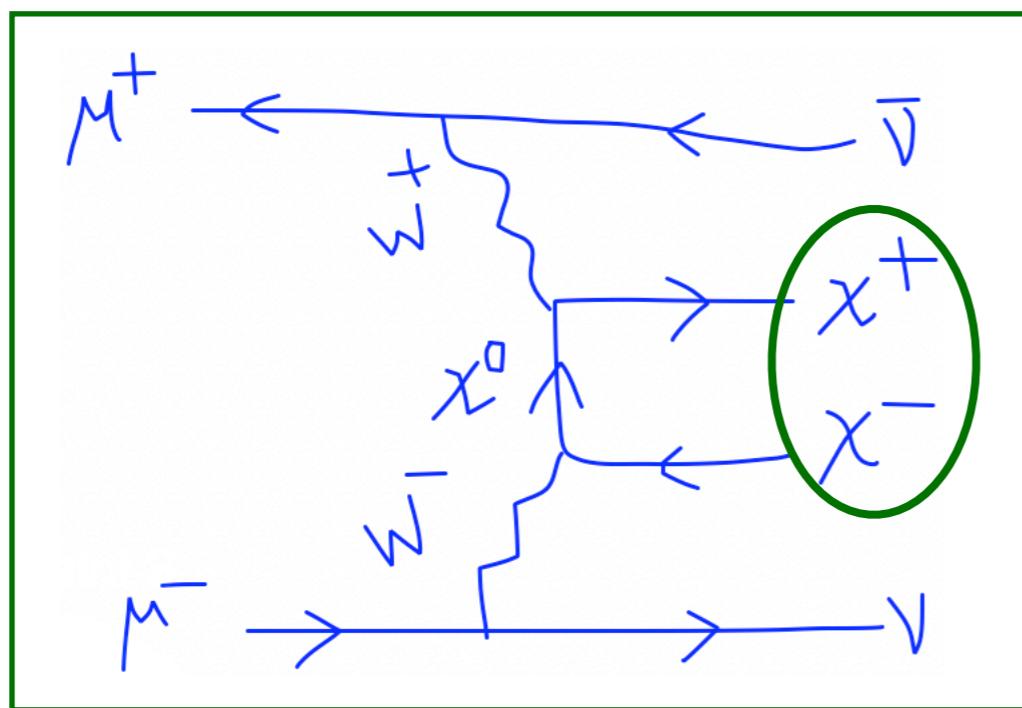
*The signal wants to be central*

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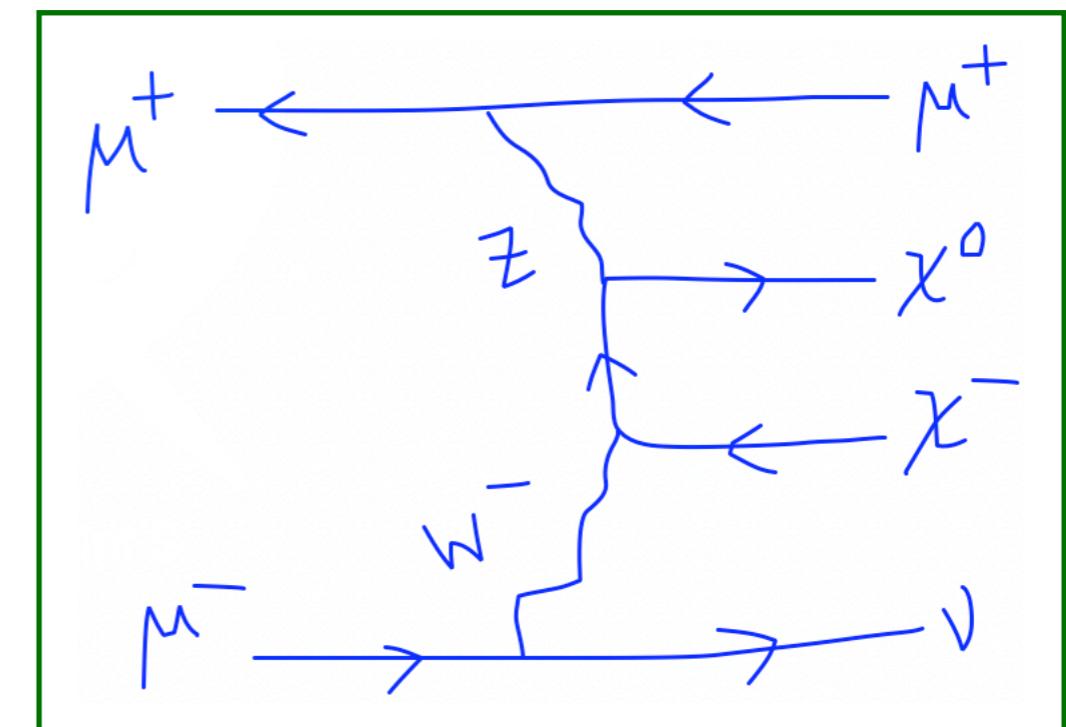
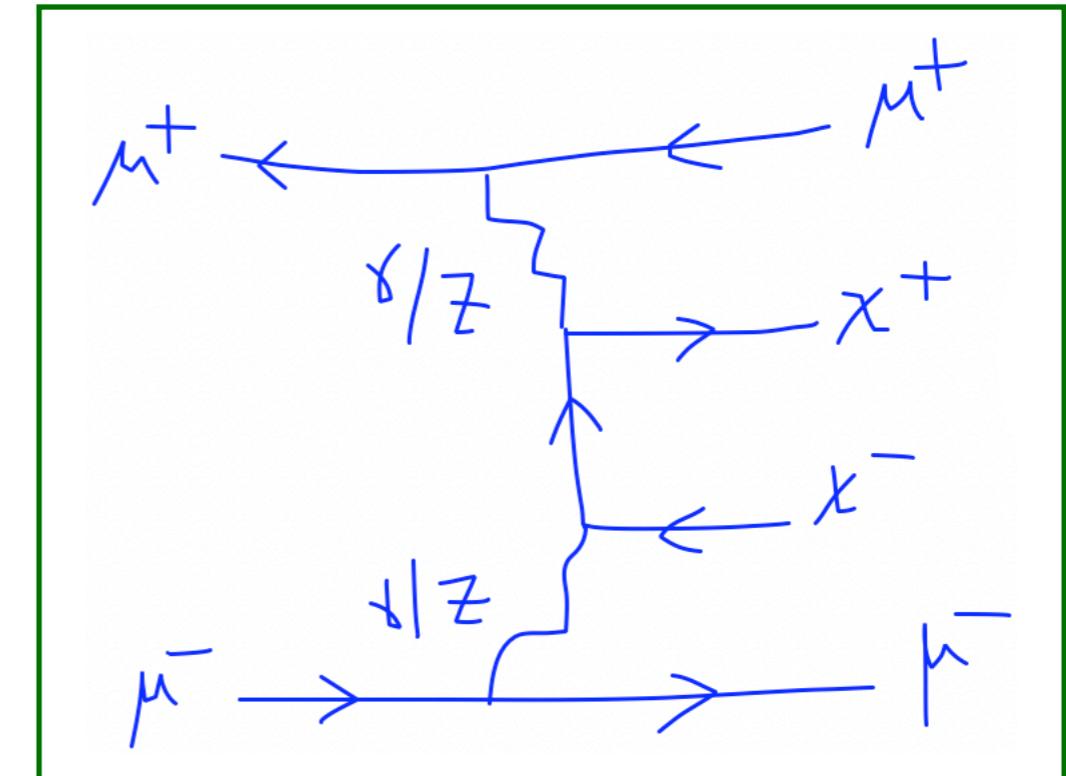
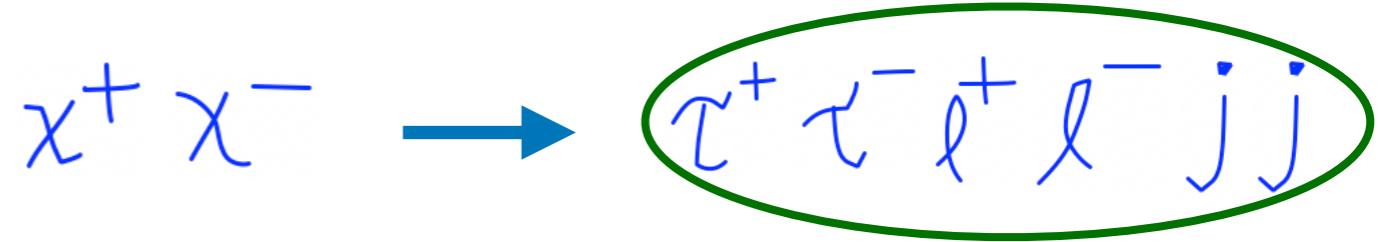
- Backgrounds:



*Dominant backgrounds!*

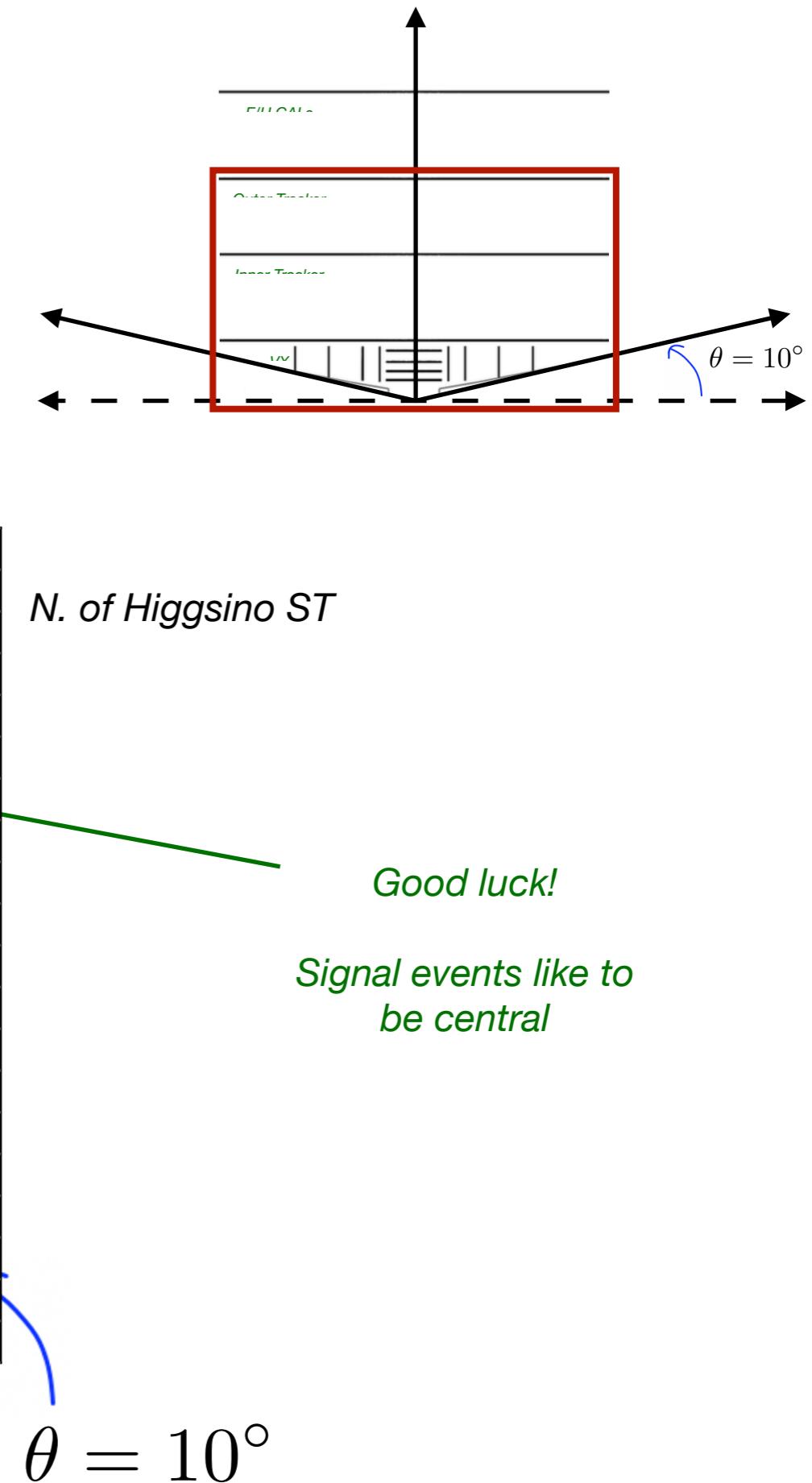
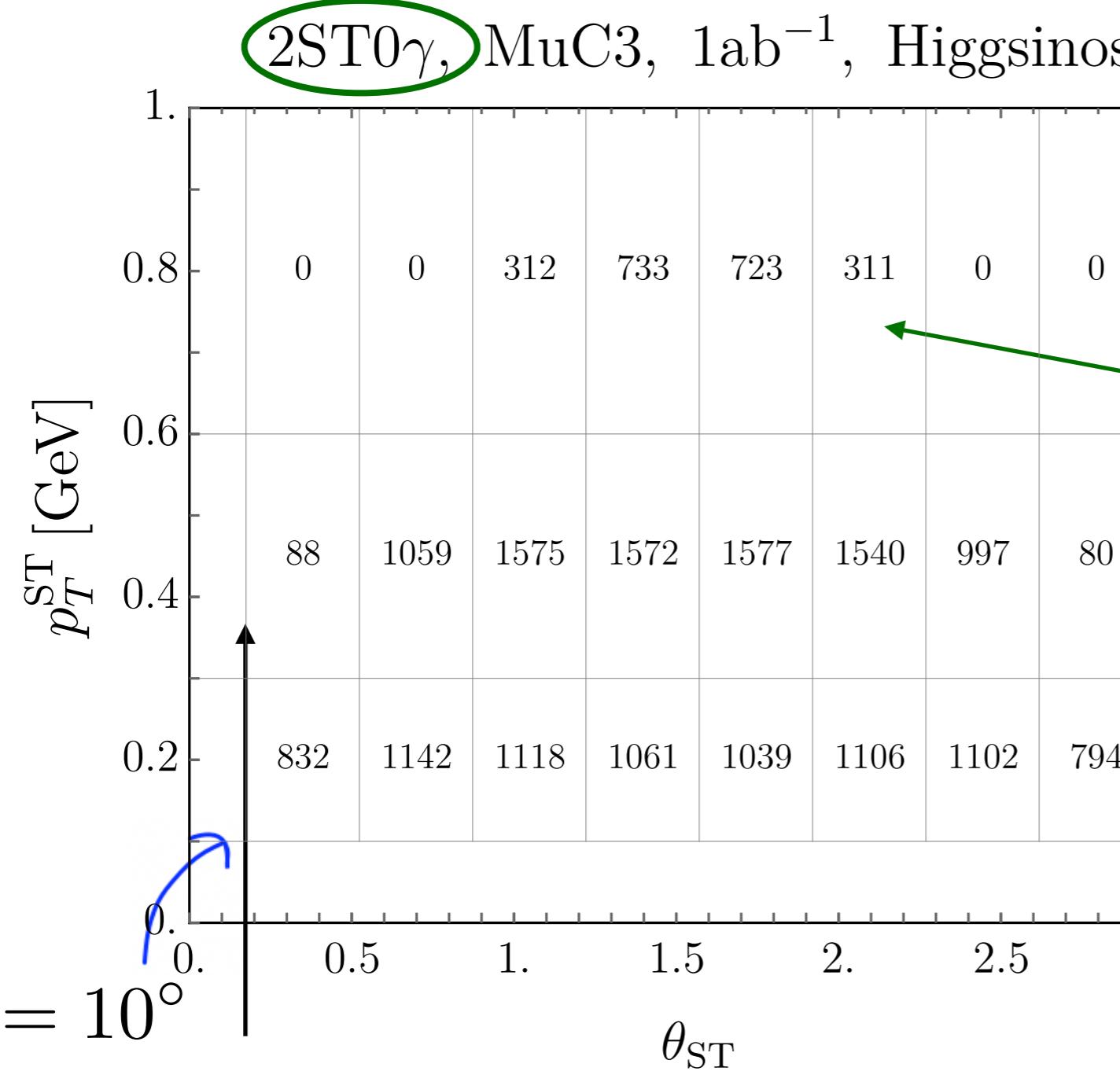


*Large energy loss in  
the forward region!*



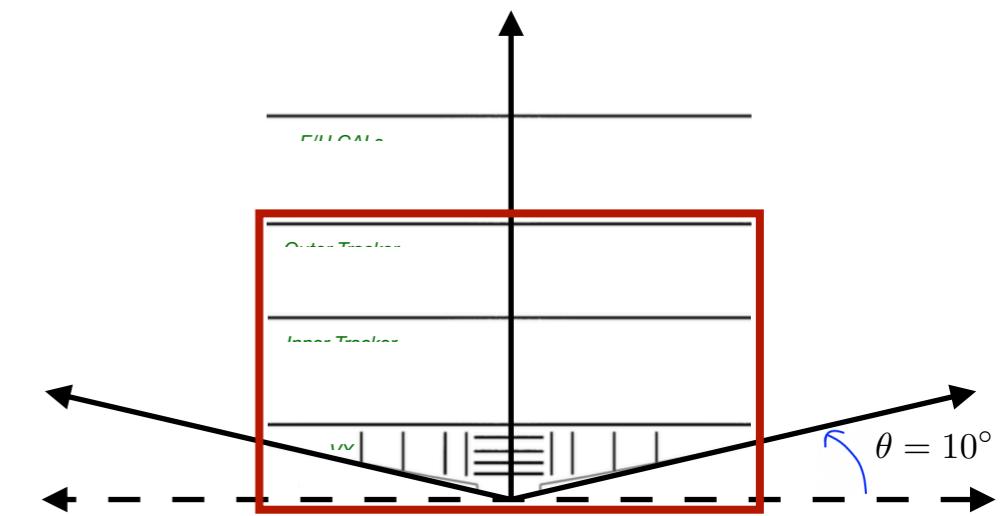
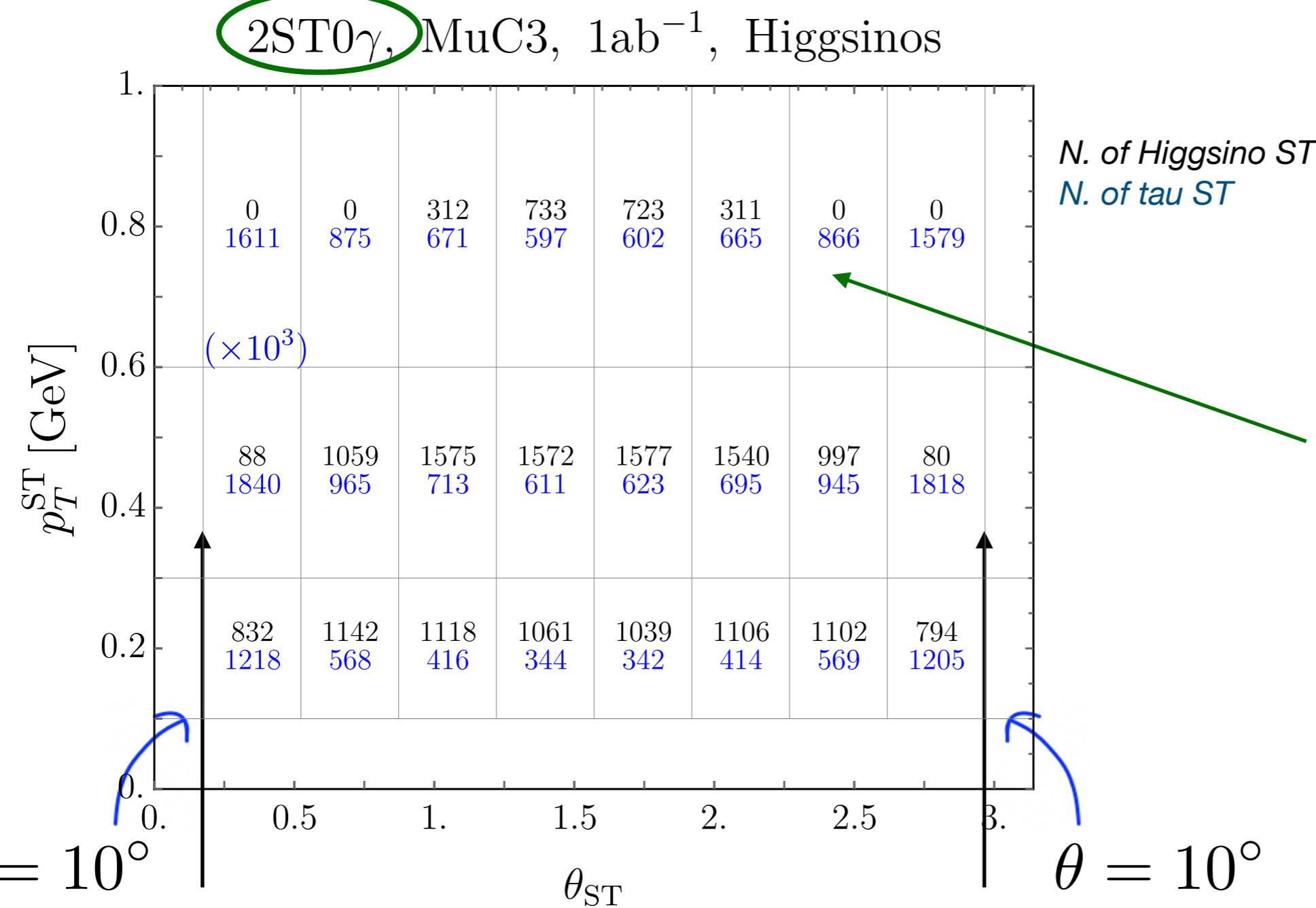
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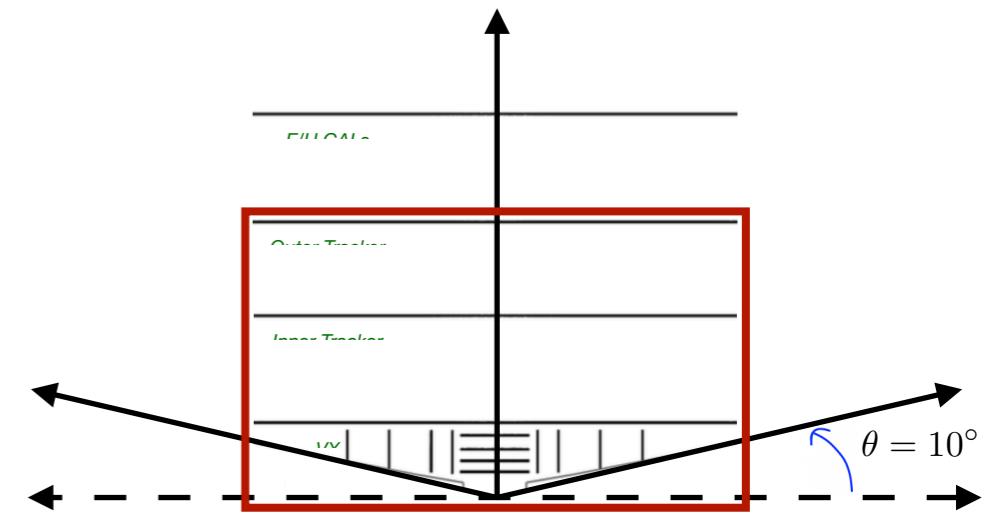
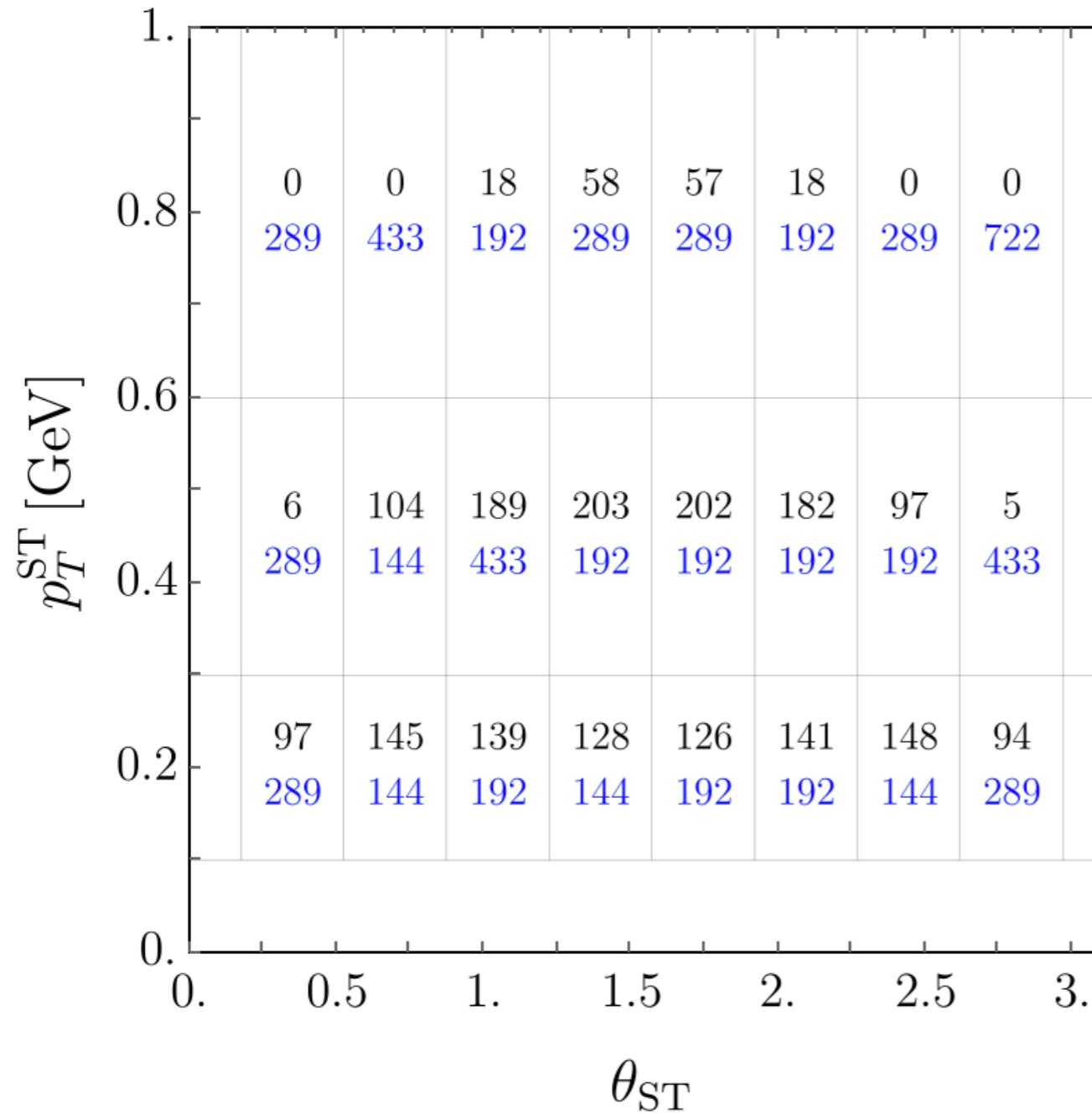
N. of Higgsino ST  
N. of tau ST

Bad luck!

The signal region  
with more events is  
overwhelmed by the  
background!

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*N. of Higgsino ST*

*N. of tau ST*

MuC3,  $1\text{ab}^{-1}$

2ST1 $\gamma$ , Higgsinos

$p_T^\gamma \geq 10 \text{ GeV}$

$N_{\text{tot}} = 2157$

$N_{\text{tot}} = 6350$

*Good luck!*

*The photon in the event  
pushes the ST candidates  
out of the acceptance!!!*

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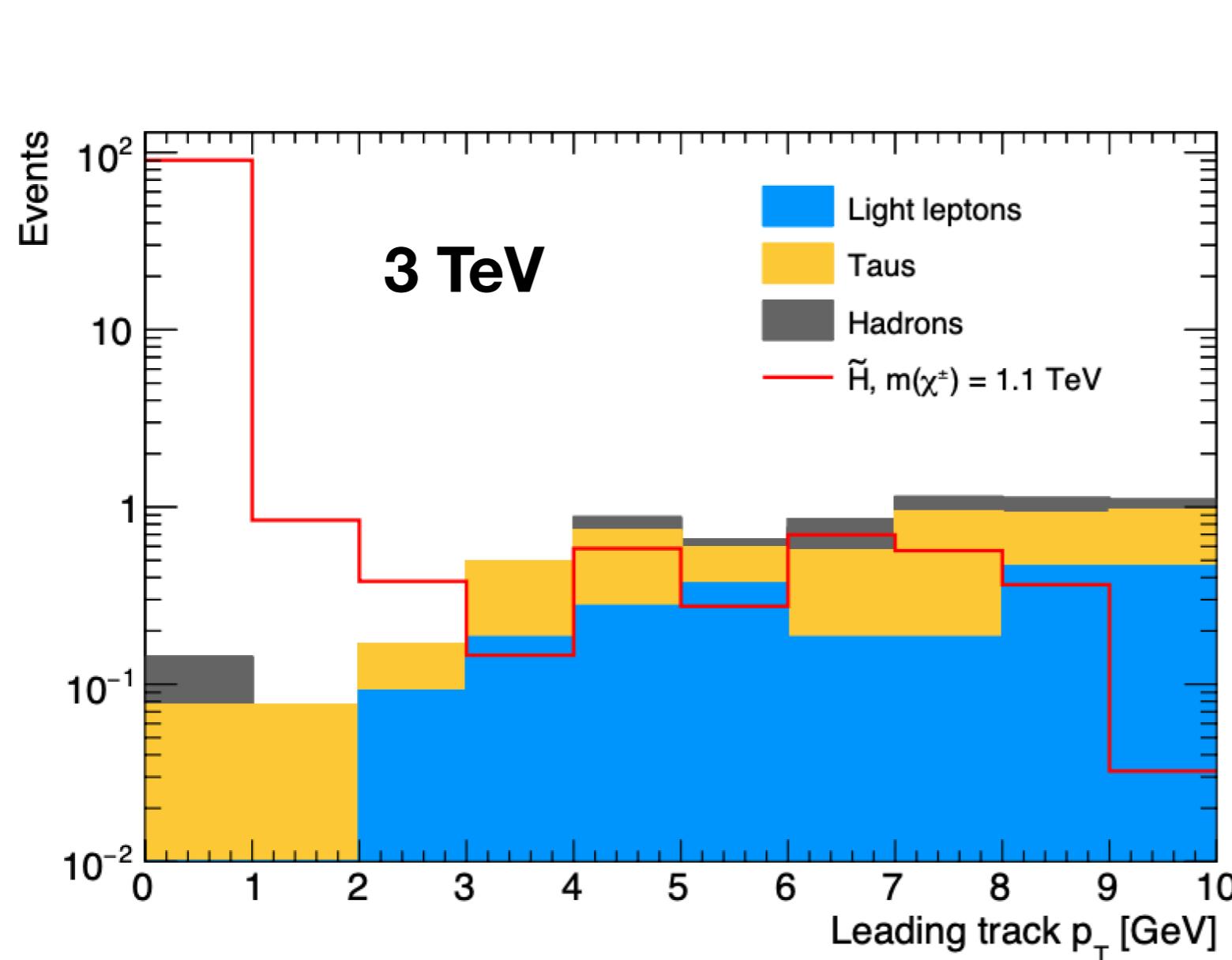
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## 4. Results

- The Importance of the 3TeV Collider:



Signal region:  
2 ST + 1 gamma  
 $0.3 < pT < 1 \text{ GeV}$

Vetoed:  
Hard tracks  
Heavy neutrals

Photon  $pT$  above  
20 GeV

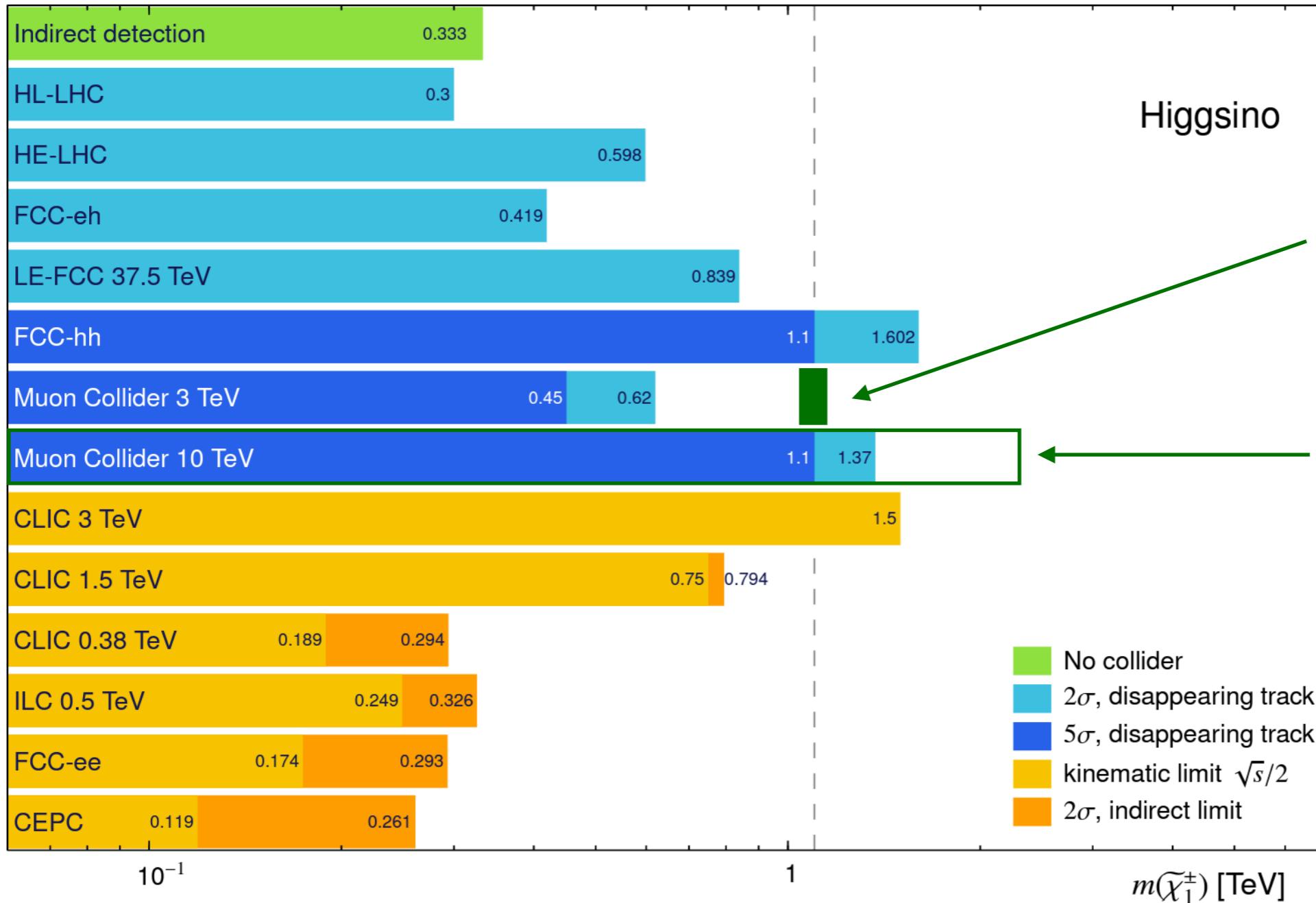
Fakes:

Pairs of ST along with  
an uncorrelated photon

Random ECAL hits  
from the BIB that can  
mimic a photon

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*Updated results from Federico Meloni's Disappearing Tracks*

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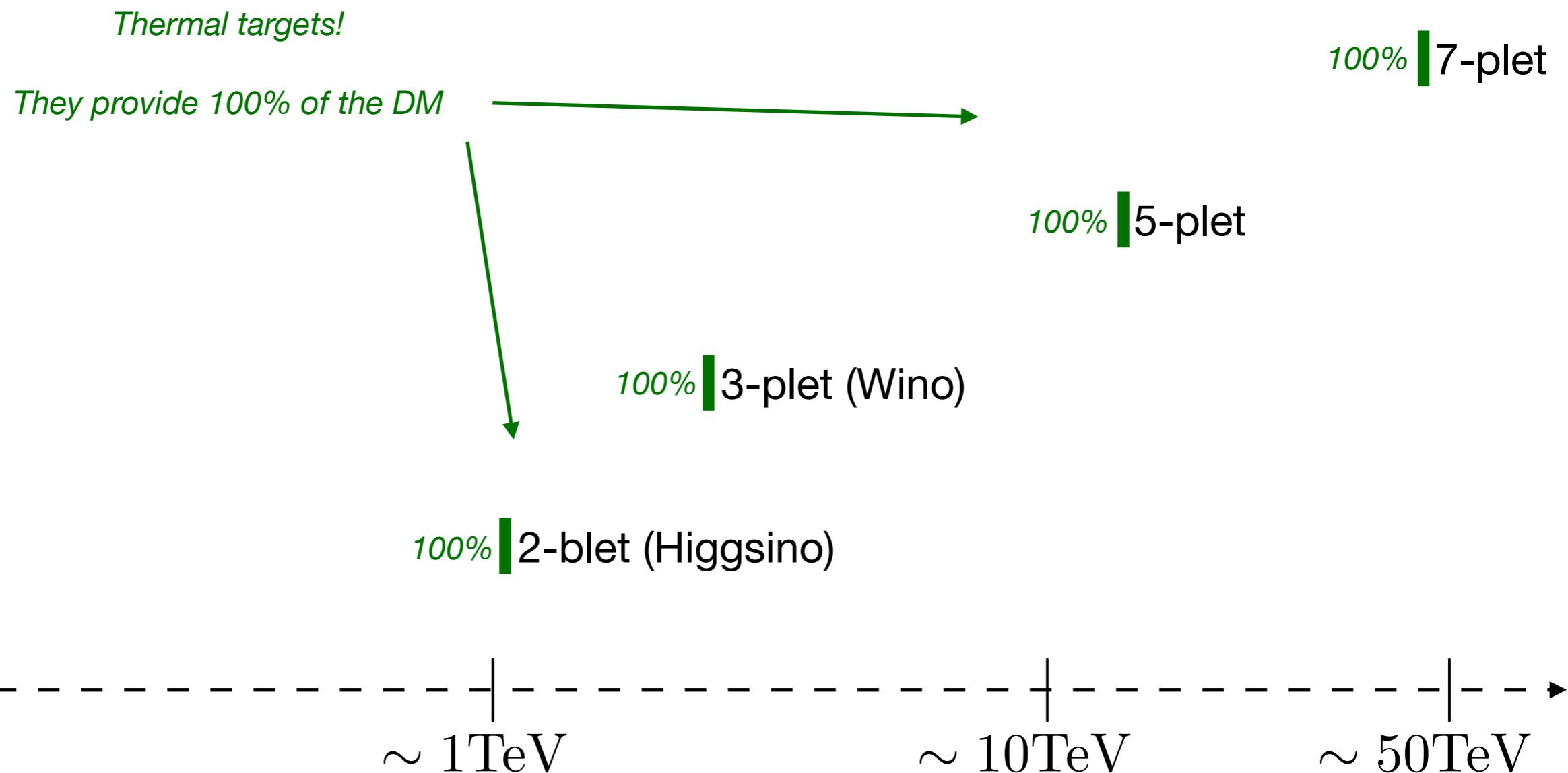
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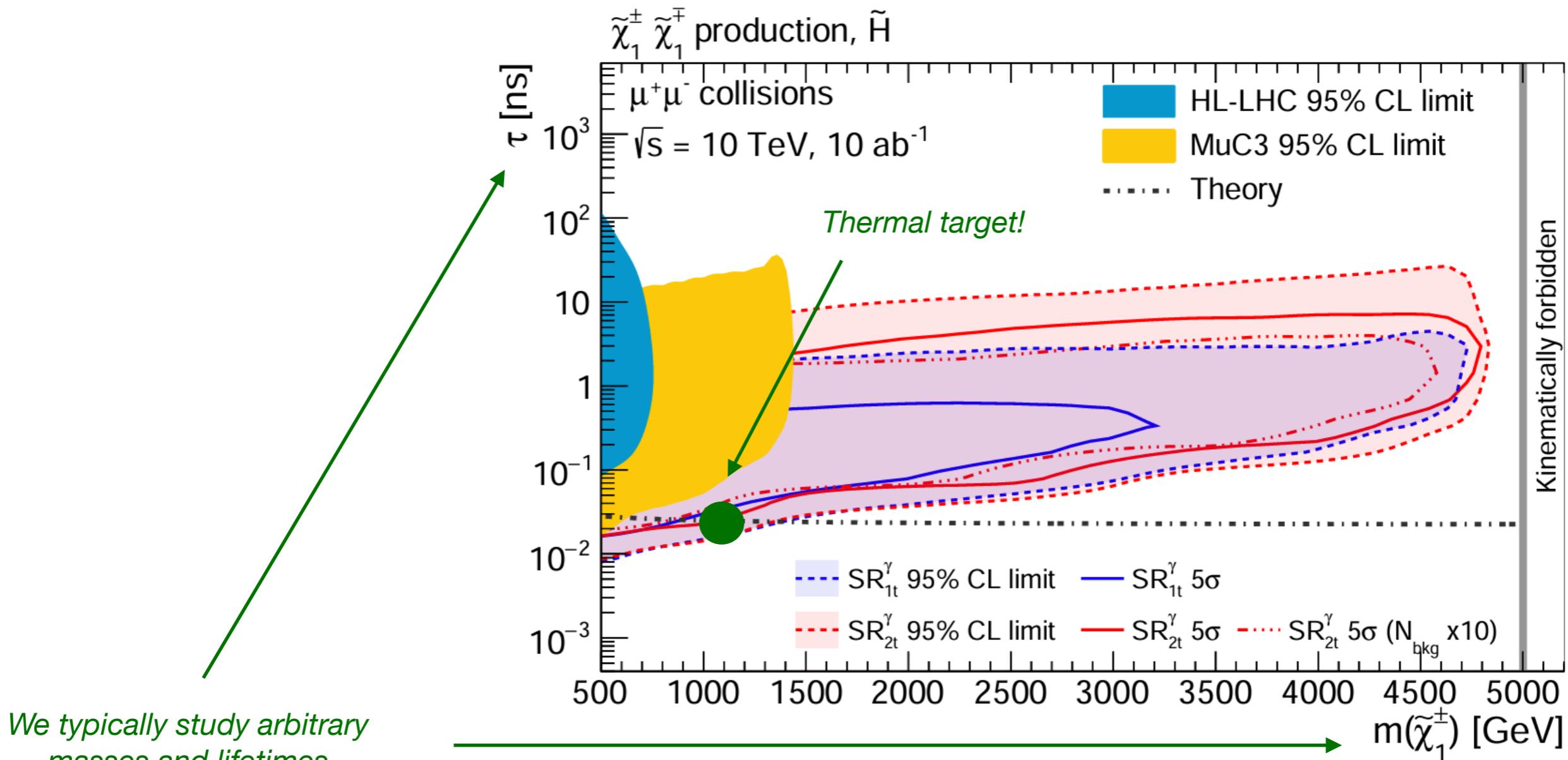
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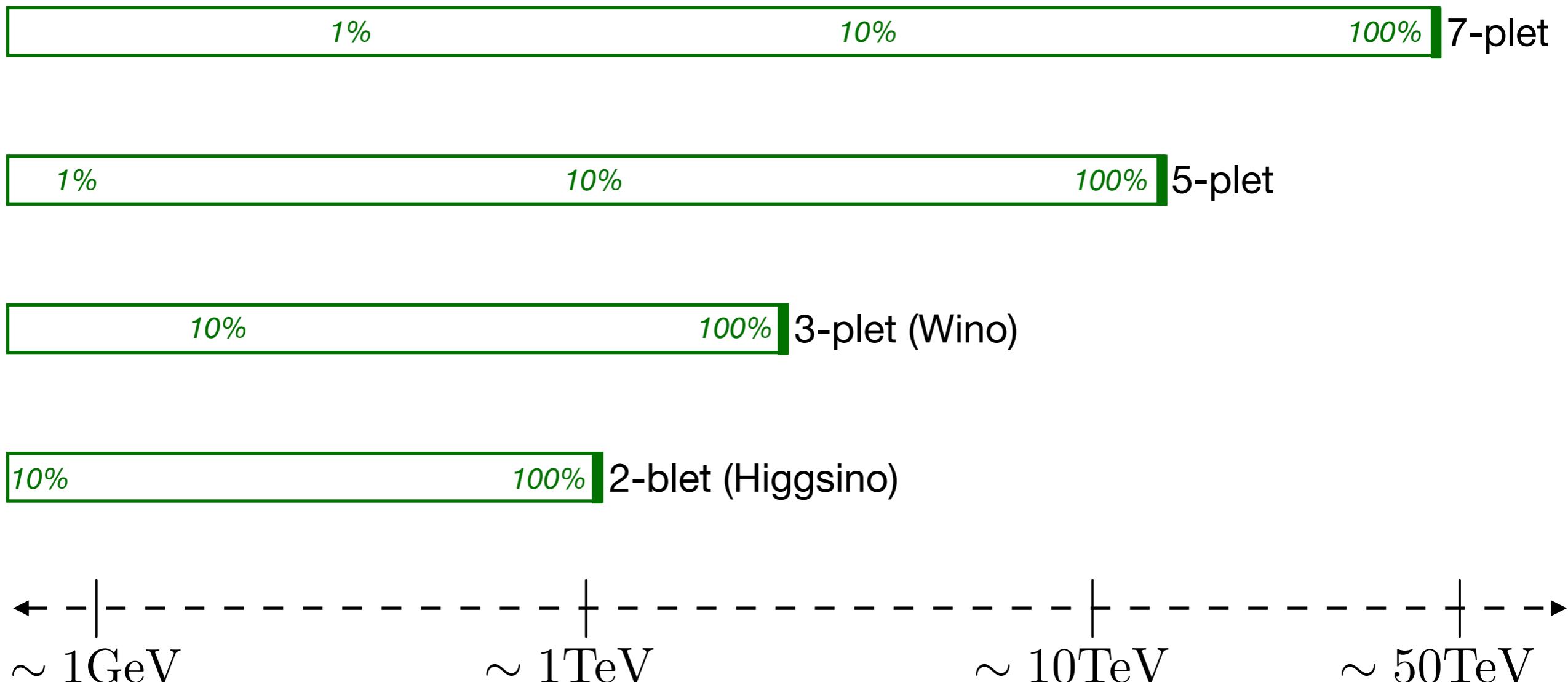
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This is great, the projections can be used in the context of model that might not have anything to do with DM

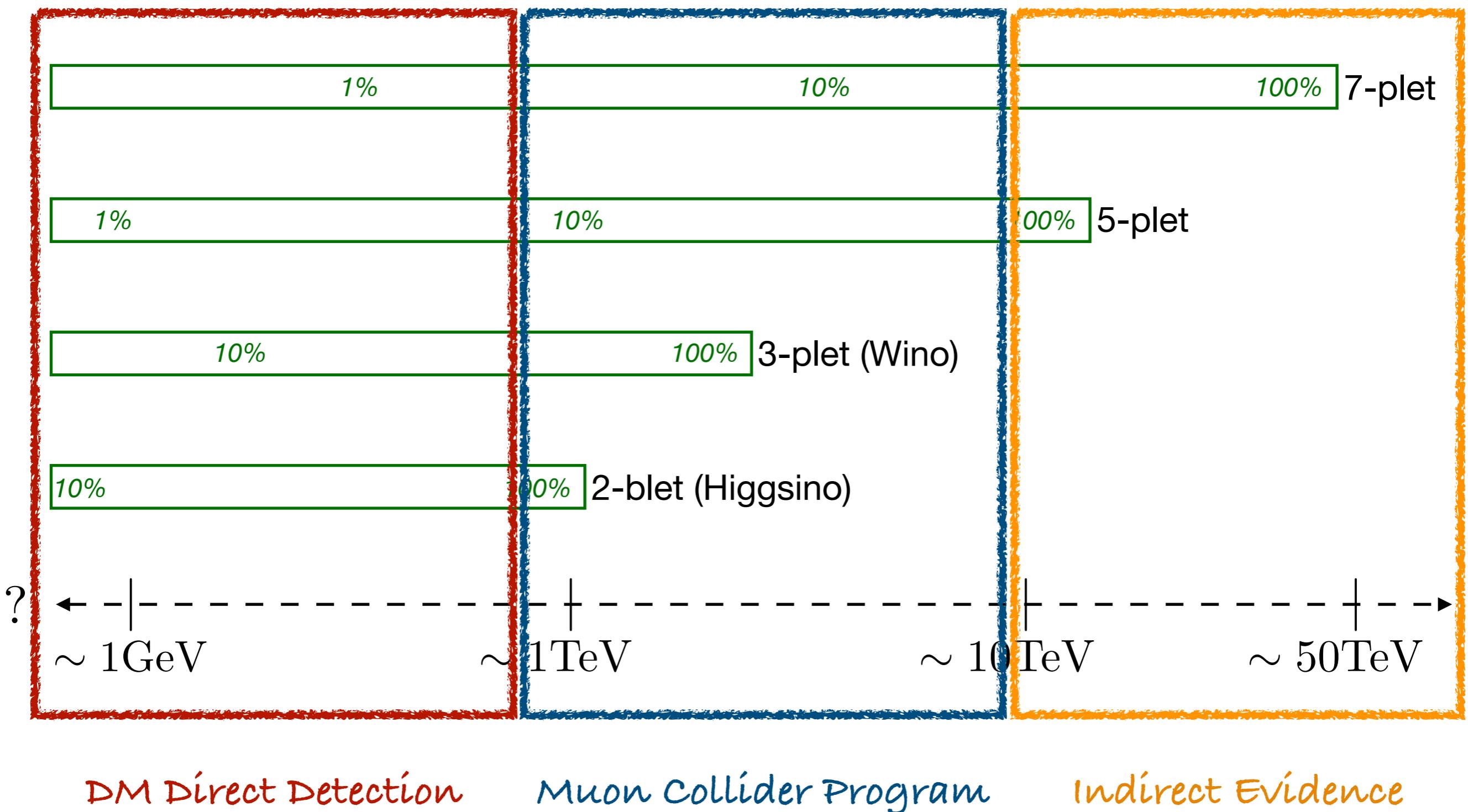
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DM Direct Detection

Muon Collider Program

Indirect Evidence

# Summary

1. Exotic signals from motivated BSM particle candidates may have an impact on detector design. Theorists and Experimentalists are currently working on developing signal efficiency maps that would allow the HEP community to perform accurate projections for the Muon Collider physics program.
2. Soft Track searches will be possible at the Muon Collider. Using this technique **the 3TeV Muon Collider has the potential of discovering the thermal Higgsino-like minimal WIMP**. This result suggest that the 3TeV Muon collider is not only a stage to the 10TeV machine but it is also a powerful discovery machine.
3. The Muon Collider program ( $3 \rightarrow 10$  TeV) will be able to discover and characterize minimal WIMPs. A combination of Disappearing Track and Soft Track searches will allow us to determine the mass of the thermal relic, as well as the mass gap between this particle and its companion charged state.

**Thank You!**